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Longtime state Republicans wary of Trump

Connecticut GOP turns focus toward issues, values and steering clear of former president

By Stephen Underwood
Hartford Courant

There's an old saying attributed to former Connecticut resident Mark Twain that "if you don't like the weather in New England now, just wait a few minutes." But the same can be said of the political winds and fortunes that seem to shift with every election cycle, according to several Republican

lawmakers.

For the state GOP eyeing November victories, some see opportunity and pitfalls ahead for a party where several veteran lawmakers are set to retire, including four Senate Republicans after decades in public life — state Sen. Dan Champagne, deputy Senate GOP leader Paul Formica of East Lyme, former deputy leader Kevin Witkos of Canton, and Craig Miner of Litchfield. In

addition, nine House Republicans are also slated to retire this year.

But even as the party reels from high-profile retirements, state Republicans look to capitalize on an incumbent president who is underwater in several polls and an economy plagued by high inflation.

"Joe Biden is the gift that keeps on giving," said state Rep. Terrie Wood, who represents Darien and Rowayton in the 141st assembly district and ran against GOP nominee Dominic Rapini for Secretary of State. "The momentum is on our side."

Associated Press reported in June that more than a million voters across 43 states

have switched to the Republican Party over the last year, according to voter registration data. The suburbs, where well-educated swing voters turned against Donald Trump in 2020, appear to be swinging back to the GOP.

This political shift is welcome news for Republicans across the country right with the future of Congress up for grabs. But in Connecticut, the same trend is not happening, making some Republicans speak out about what the party should do to be successful in a state where Democrats are

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New Britain is offering no-interest loans of up to \$7,500 to small businesses in poorer sections of the city. If the businesses maintain or improve their employment levels over the next five years, the loans are forgiven. **DOUGLAS HOOK PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

BUSINESS BOOST

New Britain offers no-interest loans to small businesses in low-income neighborhoods

By Don Stacom | Hartford Courant

Looking to help struggling small businesses and combat high unemployment, New Britain is offering low-interest loans in targeted, low-income sections of the city.

Small restaurants, nail salons, barbershops and similar neighborhood businesses may be able to get \$7,500 loans to buy new equipment, install or upgrade security systems, or improve their storefronts and signage.

If a business receiving a loan maintains or expands its payroll levels for five years, the loan is converted to a grant and is forgiven.

"This isn't meant to assist larger manufacturers — the need is with our corner shop, the bakeries," Mayor Erin Stewart said. "One of the companies that's going to apply is a small appliance store."

The city this week began accepting applications for its new micro-grants program, an effort that will start small but is subject to beef-up funding if it turns out to be very popular, Stewart said.

The city will release names of businesses after the selections are made. Officials said Monday afternoon that a local laundromat was the first applicant.

To be eligible, businesses need to be in



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one of New Britain's relatively low-income neighborhood revitalization zones: East Street, Arch Street, North/Oak or Broad Street.

"Under the guidelines, ideally they should be a neighborhood service business — neighborhood grocers, restaurants, small companies that serve a local market," said Jack Benjamin, the city's planning and development director.

The city is budgeting \$75,000 for the first year and will make awards in two cycles: now through September, and again in the spring.

The Biden administration has been

pumping more federal aid into cities and towns during the pandemic, and that's enabling New Britain to redirect some Housing and Urban Development money into the micro-grants.

"We're going to use HUD funds to directly benefit small businesses that have a handful of employees and that are going to maintain employment," Stewart said. "They just need a little leg up. We've had inquiries from so many small business owners since the pandemic asking for help."

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Ukraine: Military fatalities at 9,000

Russia blames Kyiv special services in fatal car bombing

By Hanna Arhirova
Associated Press

NIKOPOL, Ukraine — Russia's invasion of Ukraine has already killed some 9,000 Ukrainian soldiers since it began nearly six months ago, a general said, and the fighting Monday showed no signs that the war is abating.

The announcement of the scope of Ukraine's military dead stands in contrast to estimates given by Russia's military, which last gave an update March 25 when it said 1,351 Russian troops were killed during the first month of fighting. U.S. military officials estimated two weeks ago that Russia has lost 70,000 to 80,000

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Liudmyla Shyshkina and her son, Pavlo Shyshkin, examine their bombed apartment Monday in Nikopol. **EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP**

Just 1% of stimulus funds used for housing

Connecticut towns got \$1.5 billion from feds

By Andrew Brown and Ginny Monk
CT Mirror

Connecticut's cities and towns received a combined \$1.5 billion in federal stimulus funding over the past year to help people recover from the pandemic and to allow local leaders to make transformational investments in communities.

But despite rising rents, skyrocketing home prices and pleas from the Biden administration, very little of that money has been used, so far, to help create more housing in Connecticut or to counter

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Man charged with attempted murder of security guard

A Windsor man charged with the attempted murder of a Buckland Hills Mall security guard was arraigned in court Monday. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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soldiers, both killed and wounded in action.

On Monday though, Moscow turned its attention to one specific civilian death.

The Kremlin accused Ukrainian intelligence of carrying out the week-end brazen car bombing that killed the daughter of a leading right-wing Russian political thinker and supporter of President Vladimir Putin's move to send troops into Ukraine. Ukraine denied involvement.

Daria Dugina, a 29-year-old commentator with a nationalist Russian TV channel, died when an explosive planted in her SUV went off as she was driving Saturday night on the outskirts of Moscow, authorities said.

Her father, Alexander Dugin, a philosopher, writer and political theorist whom some in the West have dubbed "Putin's brain," was widely believed to be the intended target.

Russia's Federal Security Service, the main successor to the KGB, said Dugina's killing was "prepared and perpetrated by the Ukrainian special services."

The FSB said a Ukrainian citizen, Natalya Vovk, carried out the killing and then fled to Estonia.

In Estonia, the prosecutor general's office said in a statement carried by the Baltic News Services that it "has not received any requests or inquiries from the Russian authorities on this topic."

The FSB said Vovk arrived in Russia in July with her 12-year-old daughter and rented an apartment in the building where Dugina lived in order to shadow her. It said that Vovk and her daughter were at a nationalist festival that Dugin and his daughter attended just before the killing.

Speaking about the nation's war dead at a veteran's event Monday,



Ukrainian servicemen stand on top of a tank while taking a break during training with their unit Monday in the Donetsk region, eastern Ukraine. DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

Ukraine's military chief, Gen. Valerii Zaluzhnyi, said many of Ukraine's children need to be taken care of because "their father went to the front line and, perhaps, is one of those almost 9,000 heroes who died."

In Nikopol, across the river from Ukraine's main nuclear power plant, Russian shelling wounded four people Monday, an official said. The city on the Dnieper River has faced relentless pounding since July 12 that has damaged 850 buildings and sent about half its population of 100,000 fleeing.

"I feel hate towards Russians," said Liudmyla Shyshkina, 74, standing on the edge of her destroyed fourth-floor apartment in Nikopol that no longer has walls. She is still injured

from the Aug. 10 blast that killed her 81-year-old husband, Anatoliy.

"The Second World War didn't take away my father, but the Russian war did," noted Pavlo Shyshkin, his son.

The U.N. says 5,587 civilians have been killed and 7,890 wounded in the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began Feb. 24, although the estimate is likely an undercount. The U.N. children's agency said Monday that at least 972 Ukrainian children have been killed or injured since Russia invaded.

UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell said these are U.N.-verified figures, but "we believe the number to be much higher."

President Joe Biden and the leaders of Britain, France and Germany

pleaded Sunday for Russia to end military operations so close to the Zaporizhzhya nuclear plant — Europe's largest — but Nikopol came under fire three times overnight from rockets and mortar shells.

Houses, a kindergarten, a bus station and stores were hit, authorities said.

There are widespread fears that continued shelling and fighting in the area could lead to a nuclear catastrophe. Russia has asked for an urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council on Tuesday to discuss the situation.

Elsewhere on the front lines, Ukraine's military said it carried out a strike on a key bridge over the Dnieper River in the Russian-occupied Kherson region. Local Russia-installed officials said the

strike killed two people Monday and wounded 16 others.

Photos on social media showed thick plumes of smoke rising over the Antonivskiy Bridge, an important supply route for the Russian military in Kherson.

On the Russian-occupied Crimean Peninsula, anxiety has been spreading following a spate of fires and explosions at Russian facilities over the past two weeks.

Sevastopol, the Crimean port that is the home of Russia's Black Sea Fleet, has seen a series of drone attacks. Authorities say air-defense systems have also shot down drones.

On Monday evening, Sevastopol residents reported hearing explosions on social media.

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Benjamin and Stewart said that \$7,500 can mean a lot to a small company that is making its rent and payroll but struggling to pay for any business improvements.

The micro-grant is intended for those businesses to buy or upgrade surveillance cameras and burglar alarms, or perhaps replace costly equipment for their operations.

The other purpose — signage — can benefit the entire block, Benjamin said.

"A byproduct can be a little neighborhood beautification," he said Monday. "There are a lot of places that are ripe for new signs."

Companies must provide financial statements, copies of their lease or deed, a credit report and other documentation.

Each year after receiving the loan, they must provide evidence that they've maintained or increased their employment level. Each year, 20 percent of the loan will be written off, until the entire amount is forgiven in five years.

New Britain's July unemployment rate was 6.5%, among the half-dozen highest in Connecticut. Preserving existing jobs in poor neighborhoods — and perhaps adding new ones — is essential, Stewart said.

"For people in customer service-oriented jobs, it's especially difficult as more and more of those jobs aren't available any longer," she said. "We know a lot of people are struggling to make ends meet."

"And our human services office has seen an influx of people looking for help navigating the hiring process. Sometimes people work at a local neighborhood business for years; it closes and they haven't had to do a job interview before."

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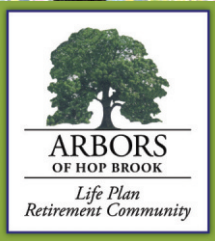
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in control.

“I think Republicans need to run on the key issues which we’re known for,” Wood said. “Respecting the rule of law, bringing down the cost of living and ensuring election integrity. Trump is no longer president. We need to focus on issues.”

Though Connecticut has not seen the same shift toward the GOP as other parts of the country, Republicans are hoping to appeal to dissatisfied Democrats as well as unaffiliated voters. Since January 2021, shortly after Biden’s victory, 20,538 state Democrats — 2.4% of the October 2020 party enrollment — have left the party, three quarters of whom are now unaffiliated, with about one quarter registered with the GOP.

“The party is changing,” said retiring deputy Senate GOP Leader Paul Formica. “We have new candidates and new faces. But as a party we have to appeal to a broader base and unfortunately some of the candidates running have brought Trump into the race. That’s not a winning formula for Republicans going into November.”

On the other side, 16,376 Republicans — 3.4% — became unaffiliated or Democrats. Among the 22,917 unaffiliated voters — 2.4% — who registered with a party during that time, 12,637 became Demo-



State Sens. Kevin Kelly, left, and Paul Formica are among Connecticut Republicans who want their party to focus on issues and values, and perhaps steering away from former president Donald Trump’s hold on the GOP. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

crats and 10,280 registered as Republicans.

The shifts bring the state’s current voter lists to 800,834 Democrats,

453,144 Republicans and 909,331 unaffiliated voters, according to Secretary of the State Denise Merrill. “Republicans need to

do a better job at messaging ourselves as a party of common sense solutions and ideas,” Formica said. “The most effective thing

Democrats have done is tying every Republican in the state to Trump. We paid the price for that in 2018 and 2020.”

“The far fringes of both parties kind of get everyone riled up, but if you really want to focus on making life better for your fellow residents, you need to be in the middle,” said former deputy leader Kevin Witkos, who is set to retire this year. “That’s the winning formula.”

Witkos acknowledged that while the extremes of both parties are the most vocal, they tend to fade away over time, and what is left is the true core of the party.

“Look at Occupy Wall Street or the Tea Party movement,” Witkos said. “They both came and went. We need to be focused on not what’s creating the most noise but what’s actually helping people. What is going to make life better? That’s what we should be asking ourselves.”

With Trump-backed Leora Levy’s surprise victory over moderate Themis Klarides for the U.S. Senate in the primary earlier this month, the party’s identity seems to be more in doubt as Republicans scramble to break away from Trump while also having a candidate on the ballot embraced by him.

“We need to be proactive not reactive,” said Sen. Craig Miner of Litchfield, who is also set to retire this year. “We need to run on our values. Because at the end of the day those stick while everything else changes.”

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affordability problems throughout the state.

Data collected by the federal government in April shows Connecticut’s 169 municipalities budgeted roughly \$15 million — around 1% of their share of the federal money — for housing-related projects.

The federal rules developed for the American Rescue Plan Act enabled local officials to spend the funds on rent and mortgage assistance, housing-related planning, energy efficiency upgrades for people’s homes, assistance for those experiencing homelessness, or the development and preservation of affordable housing.

Housing advocates and some Connecticut lawmakers view the lack of spending on local housing initiatives so far as a significant misstep.

The millions of dollars the federal government handed to cities and towns, they argued, offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to expand or preserve affordable housing options in every corner of the state.

“I would have expected the percentage of money put toward affordable housing to be more, because that is a very critical priority,” said state Sen. Saud Anwar, who sits on the legislature’s Housing Committee. “The reality is the economic engine of our state is dependent on the workforce, and the workforce is linked with affordable housing.”

Connecticut lacks an estimated 85,400 homes that are available and affordable to renters with extremely low incomes, according to data from the National Low Income Housing Coalition. The same group also reported this month that renters in Connecticut now need to earn more than \$57,000 annually to avoid spending more than a third of their income on a two-bedroom apartment, which is the level that is considered affordable.

Organizations that advocate on housing issues in Connecticut said there are likely several reasons that local boards, committees and councils shied away from investing federal stimulus money into housing-related projects.

Many cities and towns didn’t have shovel-ready plans in place when they received the funding, and Connecticut’s lack of regional governments ensured each municipality was largely working in its own silo. Compounding the problem, advocates said, is

that many local leaders simply don’t view housing as a municipality’s responsibility, like they do for other local infrastructure.

Then there are local politics.

Christie Stewart, director of the Fairfield County Center for Housing Opportunity, said it remains politically unpopular in many communities in Connecticut for local leaders to spend money — even federal grant funding — on building or sustaining affordable housing projects.

In past legislative sessions, zoning reform proposals that aimed to increase the state’s stock of affordable housing met fierce opposition from lawmakers and groups who argued that the measures diluted local control.

The fact that cities and towns allocated less than 1% of the federal funding to help reduce Connecticut’s housing problems, Stewart said, is clear evidence the issue continues to be a “political lightning rod” in the state.

“That’s kind of all you need to know about Connecticut,” she said. “If you want to know where Connecticut prioritizes its housing affordability challenges, take a look at the budget. I think that’s true at every level of government.”

The vast majority of the housing-related spending that has been approved to this point has taken place in Connecticut’s cities, where most of the affordable housing stock already exists.

New Haven’s elected leaders, for instance, dedicated \$749,000 to provide services to the city’s homeless residents. New Britain set aside more than \$2.9 million to acquire properties and to demolish an old school so the land can be used to build new housing developments, which will include affordable units.

And Bridgeport, Connecticut’s largest city, budgeted \$5.5 million for rental assistance payments, a local home weatherization program, the development of new affordable housing and funding for nonprofits that provide transitional housing to individuals and families.

There were some smaller towns and mid-sized cities in Connecticut that also spent significant portions of their federal stimulus funding on housing-related expenses.

Clinton, for instance, budgeted nearly 9% of its \$3.5 million for the town’s housing authority and for rental assistance to senior citizens and lower-income families.

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of its federal funds — for housing-related projects, including a revolving loan fund that will help low- and moderate-income homeowners make repairs on their properties.

And Norwich, which is home to roughly 40,000 people, set aside \$889,000 for rental and mortgage assistance and another \$1.2 million to help create and preserve affordable housing in the city.

But those examples are the exception in Connecticut at this point.

The state is also spending millions on affordable housing creation, homeless assistance and a program that provides legal aid to renters during an eviction. But that is separate from the municipal allocations.

According to the data collected by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, most of Connecticut’s municipalities have yet to budget any of their federal funding for housing-related projects.

Many have instead chosen to use the federal money to pay for things such as road repairs, stormwater upgrades, water and sewer improvements, public building renovations, police surveillance technology, small business grants and local recreation projects.

That includes three coastal municipalities — Branford, North Branford and Milford — that purchased “Showmobiles” — large, portable stages that cost more than \$200,000 each.

Housing advocates agree that parks, roads, water lines, sewer systems and local recreational facilities are important investments and worthy of federal funding. The problem, as they see it, is that many local governments in Connecticut just don’t view affordable housing in the same way as other local infrastructure.

“I think there are lots of other things — typical infrastructure things — that are an easier sell at the local level,” Stewart said. “It’s much easier to get your budget passed when you are talking about building sidewalks or upgrading roads.”

Darien budgeted most of its \$6.4 million in federal funding this year on local parks, playgrounds, paddle ball courts, bridge repairs and several large stormwater drainage projects.

During public meetings, Darien’s elected leaders

explained they chose those projects for three primary reasons: they were highly visible in the community, were long-lasting investments, and the town already had plans to spend money on those projects.

In that way, they explained, the town was effectively able to use the federal funds to reduce the local tax burden for its roughly 21,000 residents in coming years.

Jon Zagrodzky, a Republican member of Darien’s Board of Selectmen, said the idea of using federal money on affordable housing was not discussed during the public meetings he led because the town’s leadership didn’t view it as a logical use for the funds.

The town, he said, has historically not played much of a role in the creation of affordable housing outside of the planning and zoning process. The affordable housing units that have been added in Darien in recent years, he added, have been prepared, funded and managed solely by private developers.

Zagrodzky said Darien’s elected leaders are supportive of more affordable housing in town, but he doesn’t believe local government should be directly involved that work.

Some municipalities are purchasing land to use for future affordable housing, subsidizing development costs for affordable units, or providing direct aid so renters and homeowners can pay monthly housing costs.

A fractured landscape

Affordable housing is a hot button topic in Connecticut. And in an election year, it’s often even harder to get politicians to champion the issue, Stewart said.

“This makes people nervous,” Stewart said. “It’s an election year in Connecticut. Do you want this to be the thing you campaign on?”

Housing experts have largely attributed Connecticut’s lack of affordable housing to local zoning ordinances that make it difficult to develop multi-family housing, which tends to be more affordable for people with low incomes.

During the 2022 legislative session, advocates pushed for statewide zoning

reforms that aimed to increase the state’s affordable housing stock, but many local officials, particularly from Fairfield County, objected to a perceived loss of local control.

As a result, the measures failed.

The issue is further compounded by a lack of county government, housing advocates said.

If county governments existed in Connecticut, they would have received \$692.5 million each in federal ARPA funding. Instead, that money also went to the cities and towns, which divided up the stimulus funding into 169 different buckets.

Lack of county government tends to mean there’s less of a regional approach to addressing affordable housing shortages, said Sean Ghio, policy director at the Partnership for Strong Communities.

“Towns behaving sometimes in what they perceive as their best interest is not the state’s interest,” Ghio said. “It’s not the region’s interest.”

Another barrier to dedicating more money to housing, they argued, is the municipalities’ lack of planning. Less than half of Connecticut’s cities and towns met a deadline this year to finish their state-mandated affordable housing plans.

Many smaller towns may not have the staffing or expertise to focus on planning around housing, Stewart said.

Guidance and shame

Housing advocates in Connecticut recognized not all municipalities are accustomed to investing public funds into affordable housing initiatives.

That’s why they put out guidance early in the process, instructing local officials on exactly how they could address housing needs with the one-time funding.

In Fairfield County, Stewart’s group compiled a fact sheet for municipalities that explained the various housing-related projects that were expressly allowed under the federal rules.

Maryam Elahi, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, undertook a similar educa-

tional campaign with the 42 municipalities served by her group.

Many did not respond directly to the groups’ outreach efforts.

“Just because ARPA funds had allowable uses that could support housing and affordable housing doesn’t mean elected officials want to use those funds for that, and that is the crux of the problem,” Stewart said.

But each region did see some municipal spending on housing-related projects.

In Fairfield County, Westport recently allocated \$150,000 of its ARPA money for soft costs of a future affordable housing development, although that spending was not included in the most recent federal data release. The money will cover pre-construction expenses such as environmental or drainage studies.

The affordable housing development is set to be on a portion of state-owned land in the West Parish area, although there’s no developer yet, said Danielle Dobin, a planning and zoning commissioner and chair of the town’s affordable housing subcommittee.

Westport’s human services director, Elaine Daignault, said she hopes that the town’s leaders will direct even more of the federal funding toward housing.

Meanwhile, in eastern Connecticut, Norwich and New London agreed with the community foundation’s request that they spend at least 30% of their funding on affordable housing, mental wellness and early childhood care and education.

New London officials view the influx of federal money as a way to address several systemic issues in the city, Mayor Michael Passero said.

“We see the ARPA money as being an opportunity to make some headway into some long-standing goals for improving our housing stock and for giving more people opportunities,” Passero said.

The city has already budgeted for a few projects, including \$250,000 to fund a loan program to help with residents’ down payments and closing costs on a house. They’ve also set aside \$150,000 for housing revitalization projects that aren’t covered by other programs, such as roof repair.

Fauci to step down by end of year

Biden hails nation's top infection expert as 'a steady hand'

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg
The New York Times

Dr. Anthony Fauci said Monday that he intended to leave government service in December to “pursue the next chapter” of his career, and that he would step down as President Joe Biden’s top medical adviser and the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which he has led for 38 years.

The announcement by Fauci, 81, was not unexpected. He has hinted for some time that he was thinking of retiring.

In an interview Sunday, he said he was “not retiring in the classic sense” but would devote himself to traveling, writing and encouraging young people to enter government service.

“So long as I’m healthy, which I am, and I’m energetic, which I am, and I’m passionate, which I am, I want to do some things outside of the realm of the federal government,” said Fauci, adding that he wanted to use his experience and insight into public health and public service to “hopefully inspire the younger generation.”

In a statement, Biden thanked Fauci, whom he called a “dedicated public servant and a steady hand with wisdom and insight.”

The two had worked closely together during a global outbreak of the Zika virus when Biden was vice president.

“Because of Dr. Fauci’s many contributions to public health, lives here in the United States and around the world have been



Dr. Anthony Fauci, 81, who advised seven presidents, is leaving to “pursue the next chapter” of his career. JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

saved,” Biden said.

Few scientists have had as large or as long-lasting an impact on public policy.

Fauci joined the National Institutes of Health in 1968, when Lyndon Johnson was president; he was appointed the director of its infectious disease branch in 1984, when the AIDS epidemic demanded attention.

Fauci has advised every president since Ronald Reagan — seven in all — and has been adept at navigating the nexus of science and politics.

Among his proudest accomplishments, he said, was his work with Pres-

ident George W. Bush in developing a global program to combat HIV/AIDS, known as PEPFAR, which has saved an estimated 21 million lives. Bush — whose father, George H.W. Bush, called Fauci “a hero” during a 1988 presidential debate — awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2008.

But Fauci, who catapulted into the spotlight when the coronavirus began spreading in 2020, could not escape the politicization of the Trump era.

President Donald Trump toyed openly with the idea of firing him (although that

would have been difficult because Fauci is not a political appointee). Conservatives viewed Fauci as a symbol of lockdowns and masks, which they resisted.

Fauci clashed with Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who publicly accused him of lying about research his institute was funding in China, where the coronavirus emerged. (“If anybody is lying here, it is you, senator,” Fauci shot back.) Paul and other Republicans have vowed to investigate Fauci if they win control of Congress this fall, and there has been speculation that Fauci would retire to avoid

that possibility.

Fauci dismissed that idea as “nonsense” and also said he had no intention of going to work for the pharmaceutical industry, as some of his critics have suggested. He said he considered stepping down after Trump left the White House but felt he could not refuse a request from Biden to serve as his medical adviser in the thick of the coronavirus crisis.

“So I stayed on for a year, thinking that at the end of the year, it would be the end of COVID, and as it turned out, you know, that’s not exactly what happened,” Fauci said. “And now it’s my

second year here, and I just realized that there are things that I want to do.”

In addition to running the allergy and infectious diseases institute, Fauci also leads an immunology laboratory; he said he would leave that position as well. He said he had told Biden of his decision, and the president had been “very gracious about it.”

Fauci, who will turn 82 on Dec. 24, did not set a specific departure date. He said he hoped that by staying through the fall and into early winter, the United States would “get closer to living with” the coronavirus “in a steady state,” although there are no guarantees.

“I’m not happy about the fact that we still have 400 deaths per day,” he said. “We need to do much better than that. So I don’t think I can say that I’m satisfied with where we are. But I hope that over the next couple of months, things will improve.”

Fauci became a household name in the early days of the pandemic. His face was commemorated on sweatshirts, knee socks and mugs; a petition to name him People magazine’s “Sexiest Man Alive” garnered more than 28,000 signatures.

When asked in an interview this year about why he had become such a polarizing figure, Fauci pointed to some of Trump’s aides, who, he said, sought to pillory him by insisting that everything he said was wrong. He did not take issue directly with Trump.

“Instead of throwing me out, they tried to discredit me,” Fauci said. Referring to the aides, he said, “If you are propagating lies, the person who is telling the truth based on science all of a sudden becomes the adversary.”

Democracy under attack from president in Brazil

Question awaiting October elections: Coup or no coup?

By Jack Nicas
and Andre Spigariol
The New York Times

BRASILIA, Brazil — A simple but alarming question is dominating political discourse in Brazil with just six weeks left until national elections: Will President Jair Bolsonaro accept the results?

For months, Bolsonaro has attacked Brazil’s electronic voting machines as rife with fraud — despite virtually no evidence — and Brazil’s election officials as aligned against him. He has suggested that he would dispute any loss unless changes are made in election procedures. He has enlisted Brazil’s military in his battle. And he has told his tens of millions of supporters to prepare for a fight.

“If need be,” he said in a recent speech, “we will go to war.”

With its vote Oct. 2, Brazil is now at the forefront of the growing global threats to democracy, fueled by populist leaders, extremism, highly polarized electorates

and internet disinformation. The world’s fourth-largest democracy is bracing for the possibility of its president refusing to step down because of fraud allegations that could be difficult to disprove.

Yet, according to interviews with more than 35 Bolsonaro administration officials, military generals, federal judges, election authorities, members of Congress and foreign diplomats, the people in power in Brazil feel confident that while Bolsonaro could dispute the election’s results, he lacks the institutional support to stage a successful coup.

Brazil’s last coup, in 1964, led to a brutal 21-year military dictatorship.

“The middle class supported it. Business people supported it. The press supported it. And the U.S. supported it,” said Luis Robert Barroso, a Supreme Court justice and Brazil’s former elections chief. “Well, none of these players support a coup now.”

Instead, officials worry about lasting damage to Brazil’s democratic institutions — polls show one-fifth of the country has lost faith in the election systems —

and about violence in the streets. Bolsonaro’s claims of fraud and potential refusal to accept a loss echo those of his ally Donald Trump, and Brazilian officials cited the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol as an example of what could happen.

“How do we have any control over this?” Flavio Bolsonaro, a senator and Bolsonaro’s son, said in an interview with the Brazilian newspaper Estadão in reference to potential violence. In the United States, he said, “people followed the problems in the electoral system, were outraged and did what they did. There was no command from President Trump, and there will be no command from President Bolsonaro.”

Last week, more than 1 million Brazilians, including former presidents, top academics, lawyers and pop stars, signed a letter defending the country’s voting systems.

On Aug. 16, at an event with nearly every major Brazilian political figure present, another Supreme Court justice, Alexandre de Moraes, took office as the nation’s new elections chief and warned that he would punish attacks on the elec-



President Jair Bolsonaro greets supporters July 2 in Salvador, Brazil. Bolsonaro has attacked voting machines as susceptible to fraud. VICTOR MORIYAMA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

toral process.

“Freedom of expression is not freedom to destroy democracy, to destroy institutions,” he said. His reaction, he added, “will be swift, firm and relentless.”

The crowd stood and applauded. Jair Bolsonaro sat and scowled.

Bolsonaro has said he is trying to protect Brazil’s democracy by strengthening its voting systems.

Among officials interviewed, there was broad disagreement over whether the right-wing president was driven by genuine

concern about fraud or just fear of losing.

Bolsonaro has trailed former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, a leftist, in opinion surveys; if no one wins a majority of the vote Oct. 2, a runoff is set for Oct. 30.

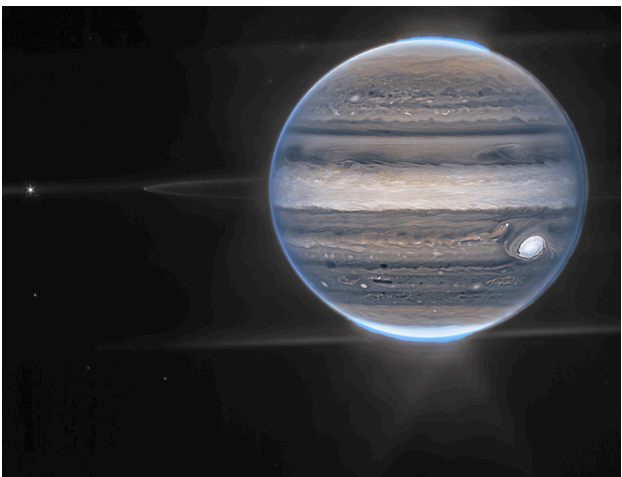
Yet there are increasing hopes for a smooth transition of power if Bolsonaro loses — because he now appears open to a truce.

His allies, including top officials in the armed forces, are about to begin negotiations with de Moraes about changes to Brazil’s

election system designed to address the president’s security critiques, according to three federal judges and one senior administration official close to the planned talks, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The idea is that Bolsonaro would back off his attacks, these people said, if election officials agreed to some changes requested by Brazil’s military.

Yet Bolsonaro has made similar comments in the past and agreed to a similar truce last year — and then continued his attacks.



Jupiter’s rings and some of its small satellites are visible with background galaxies in a Webb Space Telescope image. NASA

Webb telescope showcases Jupiter’s auroras

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The world’s newest and biggest space telescope is showing Jupiter as never before, auroras and all.

Scientists released the photographs Monday of the solar system’s biggest planet.

The James Webb Space Telescope took the photographs in July, capturing unprecedented views of Jupiter’s northern and southern lights, and swirl-

ing polar haze.

Jupiter’s Great Red Spot, a storm big enough to swallow Earth, stands out brightly alongside countless smaller storms.

One wide-field photo is particularly dramatic, showing the faint rings around the planet, as well as two tiny moons against a glittering background of galaxies.

“We’ve never seen Jupiter like this. It’s all quite incredible,” said planetary astronomer Imke de Pater, of the University of California,

Berkeley, who helped lead the observations. “We hadn’t really expected it to be this good, to be honest.”

The infrared images were artificially colored in blue, white, green, yellow and orange, according to the U.S.-French research team, to make the features stand out.

NASA and the European Space Agency’s \$10 billion successor to the Hubble Space Telescope rocketed away at the end of last year and has been observing the

cosmos in the infrared since summer.

Scientists hope to behold the dawn of the universe with Webb, peering all the way back to when the first stars and galaxies were forming 13.7 billion years ago.

Webb is designed to have a minimum five years of science operations, with the goal of having an overall lifetime greater than 10 years.

The observatory is positioned 1 million miles from Earth.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Idaho’s abortion ban may be at odds with federal law, judge says

From news services

BOISE, Idaho — Idaho’s near-total abortion ban appears to have a serious conflict with a federal law governing emergency health care treatment, a federal judge said Monday.

The U.S. Department of Justice sued the Republican-led state of Idaho earlier this month, saying the abortion ban set to take effect Thursday violates a federal law requiring Medicare-funded hospitals to provide “stabilizing treatment” to patients experiencing medical emergencies.

Idaho’s law criminalizes all abortions in “clinically diagnosable pregnancies,” but allows physicians to defend themselves in court by arguing the procedure was necessary to avert the death of the mother.

U.S. District Senior Judge B. Lynn Winnmill said the potential conflict is because Idaho’s law doesn’t appear to account for cases when a pregnant person might face serious medical consequences if the pregnancy is continued.

“That is more than just a hypothetical concern,” Winnmill told attorneys on both sides during oral arguments in Boise’s federal courthouse. The judge said he would decide by the end of the day Wednesday whether to temporarily block the strict abortion ban while the lawsuit proceeds.

States across the country are watching the case closely.

Thirty-six states have signed on to friend-of-the-court briefs, with 20 states siding with the federal government and 16 defending Idaho’s abortion ban. Several major medical organizations have also filed briefs siding with the federal government, saying the ban

forces physicians to choose whether they will break state or federal law.

Mar-a-Lago search: Lawyers for former President Donald Trump on Monday asked a federal judge to prevent the FBI from continuing to review documents recovered from his Florida estate earlier this month until a neutral special master can be appointed.

The attorneys asserted in a court filing, their first since the FBI search of Mar-a-Lago two weeks ago, that the sets of documents taken from the residence were “presumptively” covered by executive privilege.

“This matter has captured the attention of the American public. Merely ‘adequate’ safeguards are not acceptable when the matter at hand involves not only the constitutional rights of President Trump, but also the presumption of executive privilege,” the attorneys wrote.

Separately Monday, a federal judge acknowledged that redactions to an FBI affidavit spelling out the basis for the search might be so extensive as to make the document “meaningless” if released to the public. But he said he continued to believe it should not remain sealed in its entirety because of the “intense” public interest in the investigation.

A written order from U.S. Magistrate Judge Bruce Reinhart largely restates what he said in court last week, when he directed the Justice Department to propose redactions about the information in the affidavit that it wants to remain secret. That submission is due at noon Thursday.

Justice Department officials have sought to keep the entire document sealed, saying disclosing any portion



Back to school: Police distribute face masks and rubbing alcohol to students Monday at San Juan Elementary School in Manila, Philippines. Millions of masked students streamed back to schools in the Philippines, which has one of the world’s most alarming illiteracy rates among children, for their first in-person classes after two years of coronavirus lockdowns. **AARON FAVILA/AP**

of it risks compromising an ongoing criminal investigation, revealing information about witnesses and divulging investigative techniques. They have advised the judge that the necessary redactions to the affidavit would be so numerous that they would strip the document of any substantive information and make it effectively meaningless for the public.

Reinhart acknowledged that possibility in his Monday order.

Several news organizations have urged the judge to unseal additional records tied to this month’s search of Mar-A-Lago, when FBI officials said they recovered 11 sets of classified documents, including top secret records, from the Florida estate.

Updated booster shots: Pfizer asked U.S. regulators Monday to authorize its combination COVID-19 vaccine that adds protection against the newest omicron relatives — a key step toward opening a fall

booster campaign.

The Food and Drug Administration ordered vaccine makers to tweak their shots to target BA.4 and BA.5 that are better than ever at dodging immunity from earlier vaccination or infection.

Pfizer and its partner BioNTech aim to offer updated boosters to people 12 and older, and shots could begin within weeks if the FDA quickly clears the modified vaccine — a step not expected to require waiting on new studies.

Moderna is expected to file a similar application soon for updated boosters for adults.

Michigan trial: Two men charged with conspiring to kidnap Michigan’s governor wanted to grab Gretchen Whitmer and hang her, prosecutors said during a stark closing argument Monday as the government tried for a second time to get convictions in an alleged plot to trigger a revolution in 2020.

The jury got the case around noon after a morning of final remarks, including a fiery challenge by defense lawyers who accused the FBI of manufacturing a scheme against Adam Fox and Barry Croft Jr.

Prosecutors, however, called that a phony narrative.

Fox, 39, and Croft, 46, are on trial for a second time, after a different jury in April couldn’t reach a unanimous verdict but acquitted two other men.

Pakistani charges: Pakistani police have filed terrorism charges against former Prime Minister Imran Khan, authorities said Monday, escalating political tensions in the country as the ousted premier holds mass rallies seeking to return to office.

The charges followed a speech Khan gave Saturday in Islamabad in which he vowed to sue police officers and a female judge and alleged that an aide had been tortured after his arrest.

A court in Islamabad

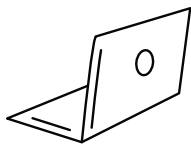
issued a “protective bail” for Khan for the next three days, preventing police from arresting him over the charges, said Shah Mahmood Qureshi, a senior leader in his Tehreek-e-Insaf opposition party.

Argentina sex sect: Opera star Placido Domingo’s name has appeared in an investigation of a sect-like organization in Argentina that also had U.S. offices and whose leaders have been charged with crimes, including sexual exploitation.

Domingo, the Spanish opera singer who has faced accusations of sexual harassment from numerous women over the past three years, has not been accused of any wrongdoing in the case.

The organization set up a business structure that included offices in Argentina and the United States, including branches in Las Vegas, Chicago and New York. Nineteen people have been detained in Argentina.

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GOP split over new abortion rules

Post-Roe, candidates, officials ponder what stance will win votes

By Hannah Fingerhut and Scott Bauer
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — When the U.S. Supreme Court repealed in June a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, Wisconsin's 1849 law that bans the procedure except when a mother's life is at risk became newly relevant.

Republicans in the Legislature blocked an attempt by Democratic Gov. Tony Evers to overturn the law. Yet there's disagreement inside the GOP over how to move forward when they return to the state Capitol in January.

The state's powerful Republican Assembly speaker, Robin Vos, supports reinforcing the exception for a mother's life and adding protections for instances involving rape and incest. Others, including GOP state Rep. Barbara Ditttrich, say the law should stay as it is, without exceptions for rape and incest.

For decades, Republicans appealed to conservative voters — and donors — with broad condemnation of abortion. But the Supreme Court's decision is forcing Republicans from state legislatures to Congress to the campaign trail to articulate more specifically what that opposition means, sometimes creating division over where the party should stand.

Ditttrich says consensus among her Republican colleagues on an alternative to the 1849 law would be a "tremendous challenge."

"We once heard that the Democrats were the big-tent party," she said in an interview. "Now I would say the Republican Party is more the big-tent party on some of these issues."

Supporters of abortion rights are now a distinct minority in Republican politics.



Anti-abortion supporters rally during a hearing at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis on July 26. The debate over choosing circumstances in which to allow abortion is causing divisions among GOP lawmakers in some states. **MICHAEL CONROY/AP**

Just two GOP members of Congress — Sens. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Susan Collins of Maine — publicly support passing legislation to reinstate the protections of a woman's right to choose that the Supreme Court struck down in overruling *Roe v. Wade*. In Colorado, U.S. Senate candidate Joe O'Dea is the rare Republican running this year who backs codifying *Roe*.

But the debate over even a limited set of circumstances in which abortion could be legal spurred division within the GOP.

In Indiana, after a decade of stalled legislation on abortion, empowered Republicans passed the first near-total abortion ban since the Supreme Court ruling. But even that measure drew dissent within the GOP. Exemptions for rape and incest up to 10 weeks prevailed after 50 Republicans joined with all Democrats to include them.

Still, 18 Republicans voted

against final passage of the bill, with roughly half saying the bill went too far and the rest saying it was too weak.

In South Carolina, meanwhile, Republicans have spent decades curtailing abortion access and there is ongoing discussion about a near-total ban. But some in the legislature voiced concern about pushing the current six-week ban further and urged deceleration, particularly after seeing voters in Kansas spike a ballot measure that would have allowed the legislature there to ban abortion.

"It's like you are playing with live ammunition right now," said Republican Rep. Tom Davis.

The Supreme Court ruling paved the way for severe abortion restrictions or bans in nearly half the states. Nine states currently have laws banning abortion from conception, with three more — Tennessee, Idaho and Texas — set to take effect Thursday. Three states —

Georgia, South Carolina and Ohio — have laws banning abortion when fetal cardiac activity is detected, at about six weeks. Florida's law bans abortion at 15 weeks, and Arizona's will as of Sept. 24.

Some experts say the inconsistency among Republicans about how to move forward underscores how new the debate is — and how unprepared the party was for it.

"Historically, GOP candidates and policy makers were in a politically convenient spot when it came to being 'pro-life,'" University of Denver political science professor Joshua Wilson said via email.

Until *Roe* was overturned, Republican-controlled states could introduce legislation to dismantle abortion access, knowing that federal courts bound by the law at the time would block the most aggressive regulations. That and the issue's lower salience among Democratic and moderate voters, Wilson noted, "were

linked guardrails against political backlash."

Polling shows the most extreme anti-abortion laws are at odds with the American public and even most Republicans.

The July AP-NORC poll showed Republicans are largely opposed to abortion "for any reason" and at 15 weeks into a pregnancy. But only 16% of Republicans say abortion generally should be "illegal in all cases."

GOP politicians may begin to face pressure to satisfy their base's most conservative anti-abortion opponents, who want total abortion bans, and the moderate or independent voter, who is more accepting of abortion at early points in the pregnancy and in extenuating circumstances.

That's led some candidates to pivot from hard-line positions in their primaries to more diffuse rhetoric ahead of their general election in purple states. In Arizona, the Republican

candidate for governor, Kari Lake, who said during the primary that "abortion is the ultimate sin" and abortion pills should be outlawed, punted to the Legislature when asked about the specifics of abortion policy after she won.

When he was running to be Georgia Republicans' nominee for the U.S. Senate, Herschel Walker was unequivocal in his support for an outright abortion ban with no exceptions. Now that he is the nominee running in a tight general election contest, he's more circumspect. When asked plainly whether he'd vote for an absolute prohibition in a Republican-controlled Senate, Walker demurred.

"That's an 'if,'" Walker said, telling reporters he won't entertain such a hypothetical scenario "right now."

The July AP-NORC poll showed 55% of moderate and liberal Republicans said abortion in general should be legal in all or most cases and 39% said abortion should be illegal in most cases. Just 5% said abortion should be illegal in all cases.

But even among conservative Republicans, only 24% say abortion should be illegal in all cases; 60% of conservative Republicans said abortion should be illegal in most cases.

The subject is increasingly the focus of ads for Democratic candidates for the U.S. House and Senate this summer, while it's tapered off in ads for Republican candidates, according to analysis by the Wesleyan Media Project. Democrats are painting Republicans as extreme on abortion, hoping to see the issue win over voters in the midterm elections.

"If we want to be relevant to the debate, there's got to be some negotiation. If we draw a hard line, we may be on the outside looking in in legislative chambers and in Congress," said Republican strategist Jason Roe.



Members of the Balch Springs Fire Department in Texas ferry a family to higher ground after rescuing them from their home Monday. **ELAAS VALVERDE II/THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS**

Heavy rain spurs rescues in drought-stricken Dallas area

By Jamie Stengle and Jake Bleiberg
Associated Press

DALLAS — Heavy rains across the drought-stricken Dallas-Fort Worth area Monday caused streets to flood, submerging vehicles as officials warned motorists to stay off the roads, and water seeped into some homes and businesses.

"The Dallas-Fort Worth area was pretty much ground zero for the heaviest rain overnight," said Daniel Huckaby, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

The official National Weather Service record station at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport reported 9.02 inches of rain in the 24 hours ending at noon Monday. That ranked second for the top 10 most rain over 24 hours in Dallas on record. The most was 9.57 inches that fell Sept. 4-5, 1932.

Emergency responders across the area reported responding to dozens of high-water calls.

"We've been in drought conditions, so the ground soaked up a lot of it but when you get that much

rain over that short a period of time, it's certainly going to cause flooding, and that's what we saw, definitely in the urban areas here," Huckaby said.

In Balch Springs, a Dallas suburb where last month a grass fire that started in a tinder-dry open field damaged over two dozen homes, officials Monday rescued people from flooded homes.

"The water has nowhere to go, and the creeks are starting to kind of flood over some. We're just having them hunker in place until we can get to them by boat," said fire Chief Eric Neal, who did not yet have a count of the number of rescues emergency responders have done.

At White Rock Lake in Dallas, where the water level has been low through the baking summer months, people with umbrellas and water-proof jackets braved the rain Monday to watch the deluge transform the lake's previously dry concrete spillway into what looked like a roaring river.

Trenton Cody, 29, said he drove over Monday morning to take a look at the effect the floodwaters were

having on the lake's dam.

"It looks like we're high in the mountains somewhere with some like Class V rapids, which is crazy," Cody said.

Huckaby said that the flooding started overnight on streets and interstates.

"It fell very, very quickly," Huckaby said. "We had some locations there in Dallas that had more than 3 inches of rain even in one hour."

He noted that with so much concrete in urban areas, "there's just only so much that the drain systems can handle."

The water seeped into some businesses.

Peter Tarantino, who owns Tarantino's Cicchetti Bar and Record Lounge in Dallas, told *The Dallas Morning News* that about 6 inches of water flowed into the dining room, but had receded by late morning.

He said he may be able to salvage the furniture, but he'll need to replace rugs and carpets.

"I'm hoping by Thursday we'll be able to open up the bar with a few snacks," Tarantino told the newspaper. "I don't give up too easily."

Arkansas officers suspended after video captures beating

By Andrew Demillo
Associated Press

MULBERRY, Ark. — Three Arkansas law enforcement officers were suspended, and state police launched an investigation after a video posted on social media showed two of them beating a suspect while a third officer held him on the ground.

The officers were responding to a report of a man making threats outside a convenience store Sunday in the small town of Mulberry, about 140 miles northwest of Little Rock, near the border with Oklahoma, authorities said.

The video shows one officer punching the suspect with a clenched fist, while another can be seen hitting the man with his knee. The third officer holds him against the pavement.

In video recorded from a car nearby, someone yells at officers to stop hitting the man in the head. Two of the officers appear to look up and say something back to the person who yelled.

The officers' comments could not be heard clearly on the video.

Two Crawford County sheriff's deputies and one Mulberry police officer were suspended, city and county authorities said.

Arkansas State Police said the agency would investigate the use of force. State police identified the suspect as Randal Worcester, 27, of Goose Creek, South Carolina.

He was taken to a hospital for treatment then released and booked into the Van Buren County jail on multiple charges, including second-degree battery, resisting arrest and making terroristic threats, state police said.

Worcester was released Monday on \$15,000 bond. When asked how he was feeling, he said "all right."

An attorney who escorted him from jail declined to



Randal Worcester walks out of the Crawford County Justice Center on Monday in Van Buren, Ark. Worcester, 27, was released Monday on \$15,000 bond. **ANDREW DEMILLO/AP**

comment on his behalf.

Worcester was pushing a bicycle as he left the jail.

Worcester's father declined to comment when contacted Monday.

He referred a reporter to a law firm representing the family. That firm said it was still trying to gather information and did not immediately have a comment on the video.

Worcester is white, according to jail booking information, and the three officers involved also appear to be white.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office identified the three officers as Crawford County deputies Zack King and Levi White, and Mulberry police officer Thell Riddle.

"I hold all my employees accountable for their actions and will take appropriate measures in this matter," Crawford County Sheriff Jimmy Damante said.

In a statement released Sunday, Mulberry police Chief Shannon Gregory said the community and the department take the matter "very seriously."

Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson said Monday at a news conference that Justice Department's civil rights division would conduct an investigation separate from state police.

Hutchinson, a Republican, described the beating as "reprehensible conduct" and said the officers' actions were "not consistent" with the teachings of the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Arkansas State Police Col. Bill Bryant said his agency's investigation would "take some time."

"Once we get the facts and evidence, we'll prepare a case file and a summary and turn it over to the prosecutor," Bryant said.

Cellphone video of often-violent police interactions has put a spotlight on officer conduct in recent years, particularly since the 2020 killing of George Floyd while he was being arrested by police in Minneapolis.

The resulting nationwide protests called attention to officer brutality that often targets Black Americans.

Amid public pressure for transparency and the proliferation of videos exposing police misconduct, there has been some pushback against recording officers.

In July, the governor of Arizona signed a bill that makes it illegal to knowingly record officers from 8 feet or closer without permission.

Mulberry is a town of 1,600 people on the southern edge of the Ozarks in western Arkansas.

WORLD & NATION

Britain’s pains absent from politics

Johnson vacations as likely successor sidesteps problems

By Mark Landler
The New York Times

LONDON — The last time Britain suffered double-digit inflation, in 1982, Margaret Thatcher was prime minister, the nation was about to go to war with Argentina over the Falkland Islands, nurses and miners went on strike, and Prince William was born to Prince Charles and his wife, Princess Diana.

This week, Britain is again in upheaval, with an inflation rate of 10.1% in July, a looming recession and a Conservative Party in the throes of a rancorous campaign to choose a new leader. If, as expected, Liz Truss is elected next month, she would take power during a period of economic stress comparable to what Thatcher confronted.

And yet the multiple shocks Britain faces — including soaring energy prices because of the war in Ukraine, supply chain disruptions after the coronavirus pandemic and the hollowing out of the British labor market by Brexit — seem strangely disconnected from the contest to replace Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

The untethered nature of the campaign is all the more striking because Britain is faring worse economically than its major European neighbors, not to mention the United States. Stagflation, another bleak relic of Thatcher’s early years, seems likely to haunt whoever succeeds Johnson.

Truss, the foreign secretary, has stuck to an agenda focused on cutting taxes, which could aggravate rather than help solve those problems. Her goal is to appeal to the affluent, older Conservative Party members who choose the leader — a strategy that has helped her amass a so-far-unassail-



British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss is a contender to become the country’s next prime minister and Conservative Party leader. CLODAGH KILCOYNE/POOL PHOTO

able lead over her opponent, Rishi Sunak, the former chancellor of the Exchequer. In polls of party members, Truss has an advantage over Sunak of between 22 and 38 percentage points.

“The whole campaign has been conducted in this bubble of unreality,” said Tim Bale, a professor of politics at Queen Mary, University of London. He blamed the problem in part on the news media, which he said had failed to pin down the candidates on how they would confront inflation.

“There’s also a degree of fatalism about the crisis,” Bale added. “It’s put down to external events, and — by some — to the Bank of England’s tardy response.”

The blinkered nature of the debate, analysts say, also reflects the peculiarities of the British political system. Only rank-and-file members

of the Conservative Party can vote for the next leader, a constituency estimated at around 160,000 people.

Older, whiter and wealthier than most Britons, these voters are far less vulnerable to the ravages of a cost-of-living crisis than the broader population. To this rarefied slice of the electorate, Truss’ promise of tax cuts is more alluring than stark warnings that Britain needs to batten down the hatches before an approaching storm.

Johnson, for his part, is on vacation in Greece, having skipped the chance to hold a crisis meeting with his would-be successors, as George W. Bush famously did during the presidential campaign in 2008, when he summoned Barack Obama and John McCain to the White House to discuss an emergency plan to confront the financial crisis.

“It is pathetic that we have a government in which the leader is on a paid holiday, while the candidates to succeed him are just talking about pure nonsense,” said Jonathan Portes, a professor of economics and public policy at Kings College London. “The only person who seems to be thinking seriously about this is Gordon Brown.”

Brown, a former Labour prime minister who led Britain’s response to the 2008 crisis, wrote recently that Johnson and the two candidates should agree on an emergency budget to cushion the blow of looming fuel price increases. Otherwise, he said, they would risk consigning “millions of vulnerable and blameless children and pensioners to a winter of dire poverty.”

The inflation data, Portes said, showed that Brit-

ain was suffering from the “worst of both worlds.” It has been hit by the soaring fuel prices that have afflicted other European countries. The European Union said Thursday that inflation in the 19 countries that use the euro rose to a record 8.9% in July. But it was lower in France, where the government has capped fuel prices.

Britain also has the acute post-COVID labor market shortages that have plagued the United States, putting pressure on wages. In Britain’s case, those shortages have been aggravated by Brexit, which has reduced the influx of migrant workers from elsewhere in Europe.

Sunak also holds out the promise of lower taxes, though he argues that the government must tame inflation before it passes tax cuts. He has accused

his opponent of fairy-tale economics. Truss counters that swift tax cuts will stimulate commercial activity and offer the surest path out of the economic wilderness.

Economists, however, warn that cutting taxes would further strain Britain’s public services, most notably the National Health Service, which is already frayed after the pandemic.

“It is hard to square the promises that both Ms. Truss and Mr. Sunak are making to cut taxes over the medium term with the absence of any specific measures to cut public spending and a presumed desire to manage the nation’s finances responsibly,” said Carl Emmerson, the deputy director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, a research organization that just published a report on the government’s deteriorating finances.

Mexican president’s use of troops unsettling

Lopez Obrador once vowed to withdraw forces he’s expanded

By Kate Linthicum
Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — After cartels unleashed a wave of violence across Mexico last week, killing civilians, blocking roads with burning vehicles and setting dozens of stores on fire, the government here responded as it often does to an outbreak of lawlessness: It sent in the troops.

The thousands of soldiers and National Guard members who arrived in the cities of Tijuana, Juarez and Guadalajara in recent days appeared ready for combat with helmets, camouflage and assault rifles strapped across their ballistic vests.

It was a reminder of not only the ongoing security crisis gripping this nation but also President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador’s failed promise to pull soldiers off the streets.

As a candidate, Lopez Obrador vowed a radical break with the militarized security strategy of his predecessors, which he blamed for turning Mexico “into a cemetery.”

He floated the idea of drug legalization and amnesty for criminals and promised to lift up poor communities with “hugs, not bullets.”

Insisting that soldiers “don’t solve anything,” he repeatedly vowed to “return the army to the barracks.”

Yet since taking office nearly four years ago, Lopez Obrador has embraced the armed forces with unprecedented fervor, expanding many of the same policies that he once attacked.

More than 200,000 federal troops are deployed across Mexico — more than twice as many as at any point since the country launched its war on drug traffickers 16 years ago.

That includes more than 92,000 members of the



National Guardsmen guard a site July 12 on the outskirts of Mexico City after a confrontation took place there between alleged groups of criminals in which several police officers were wounded and more than a dozen people detained. MARCO UGARTE/AP

National Guard, a new force created by Lopez Obrador that is trained by the army and is mostly made up of former soldiers.

The president initially pledged to keep the National Guard under civilian rule and to remove the army from the streets entirely by the end of his term in 2024.

Now he says he plans to place the National Guard under control of the armed forces — and mandate that the armed forces be allowed to continue their policing role indefinitely.

Derided by lawmakers as unconstitutional, his proposal has revived a long-running debate about whether the military, a force designed to battle foreign armies, should be used to fight domestic crime.

The consensus among security experts, human rights advocates and many public officials is that federal troops are simply not cut out for a job that requires an intimate knowledge of local communities and training in investigations and crime

prevention.

To make their case they point to the soaring death toll in the years since 2006, when then-President Felipe Calderon first called on the military to help combat drug cartels — an arrangement he said would be temporary.

That year, 10,452 people were killed in Mexico.

Homicides today hover at more than 35,000 a year.

An additional 30,000 people have gone missing during Lopez Obrador’s term alone.

Entire industries here are now dominated by organized crime, and a U.S. military official recently estimated that a third of Mexico is “ungoverned territory,” where criminal groups operate with impunity.

“We have decades of accumulated evidence to show that militarizing public security doesn’t solve Mexico’s violence problem,” said Stephanie Brewer, an expert on security and human rights at the think tank Washington Office on Latin America.

Brewer and others have

long insisted that peace in Mexico depends on reforming the nation’s corrupt police forces and reducing impunity by teaching prosecutors how to properly investigate crimes.

The U.S. government agrees, and it has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on training programs for the armed forces and police.

But Lopez Obrador has slashed police budgets. He also disbanded the federal police force, which had been dogged by allegations that authorities were colluding with the criminals they were supposed to be fighting.

Instead of trying to reform law enforcement, Lopez Obrador put his faith in the army and the navy — which are consistently ranked as two of the nation’s most trusted institutions.

Lopez Obrador has not only kept the armed forces in charge of policing but also expanded their duties well beyond security, giving them control of civilian tasks.

Troops now lead the fight

against illegal immigration, the COVID-19 pandemic and the theft of fuel from gas lines. They run the country’s biggest infrastructure projects — including construction of an airport and a major train line — and control the nation’s ports and border crossings.

The newfound alliance between the president and the armed forces has fueled speculation and fear about his motives.

Some say Lopez Obrador needs the military because he has alienated many of the nation’s traditional power brokers — including its business elite and the opposition parties that maintain strong links to public-sector unions.

Others worry he is consolidating power before a potential attempt to stay in office after his term ends.

“Why does he insist on giving more and more responsibilities to the army?” security expert Ernesto Lopez Portillo said. “What does the president want after 2024?”

Lopez Obrador, who

denies that he intends to violate the constitution by serving more than one six-year-term, says he has turned to the army because it is one of the most efficient and least corrupt branches of government in Mexico.

Human rights officials worry about the potential for abuse.

Misconduct in the armed forces — including killings, forced disappearances and torture — is typically investigated by the military institutions themselves instead of by civilian prosecutors and rarely results in punishment.

There are some indications that suggest the armed forces have taken a new, less aggressive tack under Lopez Obrador.

Whereas the military once confronted organized crime head on, sometimes killing bystanders in shootouts, today’s troops seem more focused on street patrols than cartel battles.

In Michoacan state, for example, locals have complained that the army simply acts as a buffer between criminal groups instead of directly challenging them.

Even with homicides near all-time highs and regular bursts of violence, Lopez Obrador and the armed forces maintain high approval ratings.

It may seem like a paradox, but it’s not, said Carlos Bravo Regidor, a professor at the CIDE public research institute in Mexico City.

“In times of uncertainty, in times of fear, institutions built around the image of discipline become the place where people run to,” he said.

“People gravitate toward solutions of order more than solutions of justice.”

He said he felt dispirited.

“We’ve been here for 15 years, and it’s disheartening to feel that we’ve dug ourselves into such a profound hole, and we’re still saying, you know, our only chance is to keep digging,” he said.



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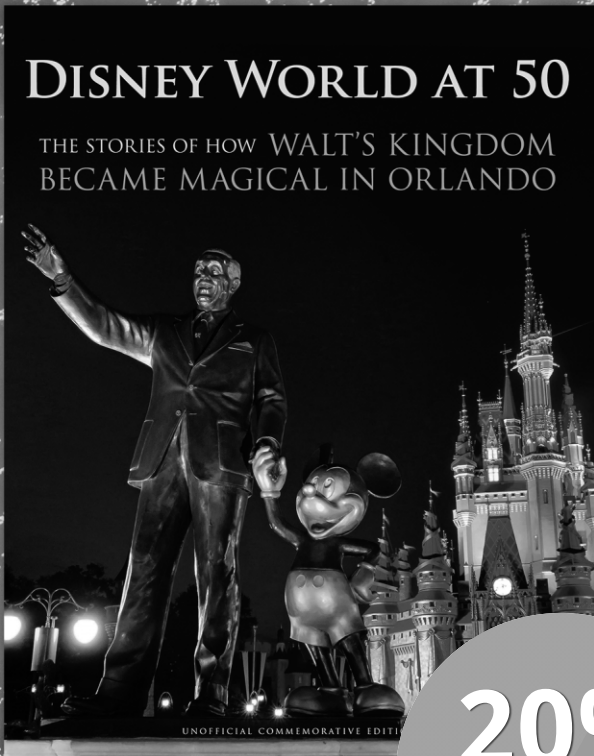
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Video helped ID mall shooting suspect

Police: Gun found near dumpster where Windsor man was seen hiding out on surveillance footage

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

A Windsor man charged with the attempted murder of a Buckland Hills Mall security guard was arraigned in court on Monday.

Richard LaPlante, 30, of Windsor appeared at Manchester Superior Court around noon. Judge Sheila M. Prats ordered that his bail remain at \$1 million, court records show.

LaPlante is charged with shoot-

ing 27-year-old security guard Tirso Polanco in the stomach at close range after the guard confronted him about shoplifting from a Macy's department store at Buckland Hills Mall, according to the Manchester Police Department, court records and the warrant obtained by the Courant.

Police issued a warrant for his arrest and he turned himself in Saturday night, according to police. He faces charges of attempted murder, first-degree



LaPlante

assault, first-degree robbery and carrying a handgun without a permit, court records show.

In the warrant for LaPlante, a second loss prevention officer told police that Polanco spotted LaPlante shoplifting and confronted him. LaPlante pulled out a small silver handgun, the warrant said, and the two struggled over the gun inside and outside of the store.

According to the warrant,

LaPlante pushed the gun up against Polanco's stomach and fired a single shot.

The bullet tore through Polanco's gray T-shirt, leaving a hole and burn marks, police said. A small piece of his shirt was later found lodged in a gun that was found near a dumpster where LaPlante was seen hiding out, according to police.

The bullet struck several of Polanco's internal organs, according to police. He was in critical condition on Saturday, police said, and remained in the hospital as of Monday afternoon.

"Medical professionals said he

will require several additional surgeries to repair the damage," police said in the warrant.

According to police, LaPlante also does not have a valid Connecticut pistol permit.

After shooting Polanco, LaPlante ran away from the mall and hid out by a nearby dumpster, the warrant said. He was seen on surveillance footage from Macy's running toward the Fairfield Inn and Suites hotel at 121 Pavilions Dr. in Manchester and hiding behind the dumpster for a few minutes around 12:15 p.m. before taking

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"Scare Director" P.J. Griffith, right, shows Lake Compounce Marketing Director Lynsey Winters some of the props for a haunted house that will rise in the next few weeks alongside the Boulder Dash roller coaster at Lake Compounce. DON STACOM PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

Now hiring: Help bring Halloween horrors to life

Lake Compounce seeking actors, costumers, makeup artists for Phantom Fall Fest

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Storm Surge and Bayou Bay are still running at Lake Compounce's water park, but managers are turning their attention to darker topics: The Phantom Fall Fest for Halloween.

The amusement park has just begun auditioning for more than 100 jobs portraying swamp monsters, zombies, witches and more.

The desired skill set is far from traditional: People who are good at shrieking, sneaking, lurching, lumbering, lurking, hulking, cackling or screaming are in top demand.

"If people love Halloween,

this is a great gig, a great way to spend your Halloween, especially coming out of the pandemic," said P.J. Griffith of RWS Entertainment Group, which is producing Lake Compounce's biggest Halloween production in several years.

Griffith's unofficial title is "scare director," and he said the best auditions are by applicants who can deliver plenty of fright in a super-short time.

"Our philosophy is that you really get only six seconds to scare someone, so we ask them to do a short scare on camera and then give us an extraordinary death — maybe being stung by 1,000 bees," Griffith said as he worked

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Lake Compounce is hiring 150 people for its Phantom Fall Fest, which debuts to park guests on Sept. 30 and promises to be spookier than ever.

Yale New Haven faces lawsuit

Mother says son died after being ignored at hospital for 7 hours

By Ed Stannard
Hartford Courant

The mother of a man who allegedly died after being left unattended for seven hours in an ambulance bay at Yale New Haven Hospital has sued the hospital and Yale University.

William Miller, who was 23, was determined to be a patient "with life-threatening conditions in need of immediate care," according to the lawsuit, filed by Tina Darnsteadt as administrator of the estate of Miller, her son.

An ambulance was called to Miller's home in East Haven on May 10, 2021, where he was being treated by town firefighters because he had ingested a white powder that he "suspected ... had been laced with Fentanyl," according to the lawsuit, which was filed this month in Superior Court in New Haven.

Firefighters had given Miller naloxone, which stopped the fentanyl's toxic effects, and he was brought to the hospital. "Mr. Miller communicated with his mother Tina Darnsteadt from the ambulance," the lawsuit states. "He explained what had happened but communicated that he was in the ambulance and feeling ok."

When he arrived at the hospital, Miller's vital signs were normal, according to the complaint, which notes the possibility of "toxicity recurrence." He was designated Level 2, the second-most-urgent designation, it says.

"Mr. Miller, however, received literally no medical attention from Yale New Haven medical personnel after being designated as a Level 2 patient," the lawsuit alleges. According to the complaint, "a Level 2 patient is at 'high risk of deterioration' and should command significant and immediate medical attention

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Pet owners warned to watch out for snakes

Glastonbury family details their dogs' near-death experience after suffering from rattlesnake bites

By Pam McLoughlin
Hartford Courant

When Bob Murray walked deep into his Glastonbury yard to see what his two dogs were barking at last Tuesday, he saw a 5-foot timber rattlesnake coiled in striking position.

Murray used his cane to shoo the dogs away, but he was too late — both dogs were bitten on the face by the rattlesnake, one of two venomous species found in Connecticut.

"I didn't think about myself, I thought about the dogs," Murray said.

When they got inside, Tanner, a 3-year-old Vizsla, was throwing up and Listo, a miniature pinscher

who loves dancing to the Beach Boys, was shaking and spitting blood.

He and his wife, Lynn, knew they had to act fast because about seven years earlier, their late dog, Tor, also a Vizsla, was bitten on the foot after stepping on a rattlesnake den in the woods near where they lived.

Tor survived, but they remembered the desperate hunt for a veterinary facility that carried anti-venom and wound up at Tufts Veterinary in Massachusetts.

This time, the Murrays and their dog walker made calls and found out that Pieper Veterinary Emergency Hospital in Middle-

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Between January 2000 and January 2020, employment in the manufacturing sector decreased 26% nationwide. Women were more affected than men, losing 31% of their jobs in the industry compared to men losing 23%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. SHUTTERSTOCK

Could Gen Z bring an influx of industry jobs?

Faced with a depleted manufacturing workforce, state is working to recruit from next generation

By Erica E. Phillips
CT Mirror

Connecticut is struggling to get the word out about high-paying, high-tech manufacturing jobs in the state.

Local, state and federal lawmakers are working to revive Connecticut's industrial base after a half-century of decline. It seems like at least once a week, a state or federal official is touting a new effort to bring industry back to Connecticut.

While there are fewer manufacturing jobs today than there were 10 years ago, there's a slow trend toward growth.

But Gen Z — now entering the workforce — came of age as many

industrial properties sat vacant in dozens of the state's towns and cities. There is a lack of awareness about career opportunities in the manufacturing sector.

Without an influx of workers from the next generation, Connecticut will fall short of meeting the projected annual workforce demand from the state's growing advanced manufacturing companies.

Jobs in Connecticut's manufacturing industry are about half of what they were in the sector's heyday.

In the 1950s, half of all jobs in the state were in the manufacturing sector (while nationally the

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POLICE BRIEFS

NEWINGTON

SUV crashes into Berlin Turnpike building, injuring 2

Two people were hospitalized after crashing into a building on the Berlin Turnpike in Newington late Sunday night, according to police.

Police responded to the Floors Now store at 2516 Berlin Turnpike before midnight on Sunday for a single-car crash. The vehicle was occupied by a man and a woman who were each taken to a local hospital for injuries that did not appear to be life-threatening, police said.

Initial investigations into the crash suggest the car, an SUV, was traveling south on the turnpike when it went off the road and into the Floors Now building, police said.

The building was evaluated by city building officials and cleared for occupancy, police said.

Police are investigating. Anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt. Matthew D'Esposito at 860-594-6212.

— Mike Mavredakis

HARTFORD

Police investigating shooting that left 18-year-old injured

The Hartford Police Department is investigating a shooting after an 18-year-old was injured on Monday morning.

Police responded to Hartford Hospital after 4:30 a.m. Monday after a gunshot victim arrived for treatment. Officers said they spoke with the 18-year-old man who was injured in the shooting, but he was uncooperative. The location of the shooting has not been determined.

His injury is not considered life-threatening, according to police.

The Hartford Police Major Crimes and Crime Scene Divisions took over the investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the HPD Tip Line at 860-722-8477.

— Mike Mavredakis

BERLIN

15-year-old high school student dies after bicycle crash

A Berlin High School student riding his bicycle died after he collided with a car early Saturday morning, according to police.

Chase Anderson, 15, died after colliding with a car while riding a bike near the Mobil Gas Station at 2005 Berlin Turnpike on Saturday around 3 a.m., police said.

Anderson was transported to The Hospital of Central Connecticut where he was pronounced dead, according to police.

Anderson was just days away from starting his sophomore year at Berlin High School. He had recently become a new member of the Berlin Police Cadet program and had “a positive attitude and an immense enthusiasm,” police said.

“The entire Berlin Police Department and Police Cadet program convey our deepest sympathy to both his family and friends,” Berlin Police Chief Matthew McNally said. “And we are deeply saddened by the loss of this young cadet whose bright future was cut tragically short.”

The crash is currently being investigated by the Midstate Accident Construction Team. Police are asking witnesses or anyone with information about the incident to contact Detective Brett Kelly at 860-828-7080.

— Mike Mavredakis

2 injured in tractor-trailer crash that shut down I-84 in Vernon

By Mike Mavredakis
Hartford Courant

Police are investigating a serious crash involving two tractor-trailers that injured two men and shut down Interstate 84 East on Monday morning, according to the Connecticut State Police.

Police were called just before 7:30 a.m. for a reported crash near Exit 65 between two tractor-trailers.

A tractor-trailer operated by a 45-year-old Maryland man was parked on the right shoulder near Exit 65. A second tractor-trailer driven by a 44-year-old Georgia man drove into the right shoulder and struck the back of the first one, pushing it into a light pole, according to state police.

The Maryland man was transported to Hartford Hospital with minor injuries.

The Georgia man was trapped in his vehicle and had to be extricated. He was transported to Hartford Hospital via LifeStar with serious injuries, according to state police.

According to NBC Connecticut, crews worked for an hour and 15



Emergency crews work the scene of a crash involving two tractor-trailers on I-84 East around Exit 65 on Monday. TOWN OF VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT

minutes to extricate the driver.

A firefighter was also transported to the hospital, officials told NBC Connecticut.

Troopers were investigating the crash, as well as DEEP officials and the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection.

DEEP estimated that around 25 gallons of motor oil and diesel fuel may have spilled in the crash. DEEP personnel and their

themed haunted houses.

In Bristol, Technical Director Hunter Morgan oversees construction and focuses on getting the details of each scene right.

“P.J. has the talent going, the actors. My job is making sure there are walls and things for them to interact with,” Morgan said.

“We’re really trying to get as many details that people haven’t seen before. You didn’t come here to not be scared or say ‘oh, that was cute,’” Griffith said. “No, we’re looking for how we can get in people’s heads, have them really walk away like they were the hero in this story.”

Griffith, a veteran of the theatre world who has appeared in Blue Bloods, The Dark Knight Rises and more, said seemingly unlikely tryouts sometimes turn out to be ideal.

This year’s cast includes several Lake Compounce lifeguards, middle-aged residents, teenagers, aspiring actors and even an operating room technician from a central Connecticut hospital.

“Our game is getting people out of their shells. It’s getting people to see if you feel silly, you look silly. But if you’re fully committed to this character, then the audience is thrilled,” Griffith said.

“In the auditions, it’s giving permission to just play. We know you’re going to say and do crazy things you’d never get away with

on any other job,” he said.

“It’s a game of thinking ‘What does it really take to scare somebody in 2022?’ Audiences have seen every episode of American Horror Story, every Stephen King movie over the past 30 years. So it’s ‘what’s genuinely scary?’ It’s been kind of exciting watching people let their freak flag fly,” he said.

Lake Compounce will be open from noon to 10 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays starting Sept. 30, with adult rides and food concessions running all the time.

Afternoons will be focused on families and children. Kiddieland rides and gentle theming — pumpkins, hay bales and such — have center stage, and no scary attractions will be running.

At 6 p.m., the park will transition to full-adrenaline Halloween. The kiddie rides shut down, and horror actors begin prowling the haunted houses and scare zones. The park recommends only guests 14 and up go through those areas, said Lynsey Winters, Lake Compounce’s marketing director.

One admission ticket covers both day and night, including the rides as well as all of the Halloween attractions except one extra-charge haunted house. Season passes will be honored through the Phantom Fall Fest.

More information is at lakecompounce.com/phantom-fall-fest.

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at a haunted house being erected alongside the Boulder Dash roller coaster.

Halloween is well more than two months away, but the pressure is on. Lake Compounce and RWS have just a few weeks to be ready for rehearsals leading up to the Sept. 30, when the Phantom Fall Fest debuts to park guests.

By then, the operation needs 90 “scare actors” along with costumers and makeup artists for every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night through the end of October. In all, the park is hiring 150 people so there can be some scheduling flexibility.

Lake Compounce visitors this month will notice crews busily assembling four large, temporary haunted houses along with three “scare zones” around the park where scare actors will jump out at guests.

Palace Entertainment, Lake Compounce’s corporate owner, has RWS crews doing similar work at its two other parks — Kennywood in Pennsylvania and Adventureland in Iowa.

Production teams are gathering costumes, imitation skulls, torture instruments and hundreds of other props, and fine-tuning the stories behind each of the very differently

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town carried the anti-venom.

They knew time was of the essence. The dogs were bitten at 1:15 p.m. and they were at the hospital by 2:30 p.m.

“It was a close call,” Bob Murray said. “Listo had about another hour left to live.”

The dogs were in such bad shape that Bob Murray said they were told at the hospital, “Euthanasia is not uncalled for in this instance.”

In the Murrays’ opinion, it was uncalled for, Bob Murray said.

Tanner and Listo suffered severe swelling and were treated with life-saving anti-venom. Tanner needed oxygen as well, and Listo underwent an emergency tracheostomy because his throat was closing. Both dogs were out of the hospital by Saturday but still on medication and continuing to heal on Monday.

“Most people don’t realize there are rattlesnakes in Connecticut,” said Pieper Veterinary spokeswoman Jesse Ferguson. “Dogs and cats usually don’t survive without the anti-venom.”

Bob Murray said the rattlesnake was captured by authorities, checked and put back in the den, as they are on the endangered species list in Connecticut.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website states that aside from

the timber rattlesnake, the other venomous snake found here is the northern copperhead.

The timber rattlesnake, described as “beautifully patterned” on the DEEP site, is listed here as an endangered species that is “extremely rare” in Connecticut.

Connecticut’s rattlesnakes are active from mid-April through October, the DEEP site states. They are found in a handful of Connecticut towns, and Glastonbury is one of them.

Ferguson said people who suspect their animal has been bitten by a venomous snake should call animal hospitals first to see if they carry the anti-venom.

Veterinarian Matthew Turner of the Resuscitation & Critical Care Department at Pieper Veterinary said time is of the essence if they’re bitten.

He said rattlesnakes account for most snakebite-related deaths in both humans and animals.

“The only thing you can do to protect your dogs and cats from rattlesnakes is to stay with them and to stay aware. Dogs and cats will often explore strange sounds, like a rattlesnake, and often that’s what leads to them getting bitten,” he said. “If you hear a rattlesnake, have your pets close and get them away from where you hear it and get them inside if possible.”

Ferguson said rattlesnakes are in Northeastern Litchfield County, the Meshomasic Forest in East

Hampton, Glastonbury, Portland and Marlborough.

“They’re endangered but we see enough of them,” she said, noting they see at least one victim per year. “Dogs hear a noise and go after things that move.”

The Murrays have modified their fenced-in yard and their routine with the dogs. Bob Murray said they cut the grass short, had someone install a fine mess snake fence around the base of their fence and will not let the dogs go in the woods.

Instead of sending the dogs out and then checking on them, he will go out ahead of them and let them out if the coast is clear.

A rattlesnake is not looking for trouble and will only attack if they feel threatened, Bob Murray said.

Bob Murray said after Tor’s incident, he and Lynn are so aware of the money issues veterinary costs can create that they established a hefty trust in their will through Tufts Veterinary to help senior citizens pay vet bills. The Murrays said they feel lucky they could afford the \$15,000 veterinarian bill. Tor’s bills were \$10,000 seven years ago.

“Fortunately, we had the money,” Bob Murray said.

Bob Murray describes the dogs as “wonderful.” He said they train them for competitions, and Lynn does freestyle dancing with Listo — who sometimes dances around a fake palm tree and really rocks the Beach Boys hit, “I Get Around.”

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from emergency department staff.”

At 7:15 p.m., a nurse noted “triage completed” in Miller’s medical record. “The medical record then falls silent for the next seven hours, between 7:15 p.m. on May 10th through 1:56 a.m. on May 11, 2021,” according to the complaint. “Mr. Miller received no medical attention whatsoever for this seven-hour period.”

A security camera showed Miller getting up from the stretcher to use the lavatory and the vending machine and that he talked to Darnsteadt by phone, according to the suit. Then, he appears to fall asleep.

According to the lawsuit, “Multiple Yale New Haven emergency personnel walk by Mr. Miller while he appears to be asleep. Other patients are taken out of the ambulance and wheeled to treatment rooms, right past Mr. Miller. ... At 1:56 a.m., a nurse checks on Mr. Miller for the first time in seven hours. He is without a pulse. He is not breathing. His skin is a blue-gray color. His pupils are fixed and dilated. He has been in full cardiac arrest for an unknown period of time,” the suit alleges.

Miller had lost all brain activity because of lack of oxygen and was declared dead the next day, the suit says.

The lawsuit accuses the defendants of failing to reevaluate and reassess Miller’s condition “in a timely manner” and not treating him with naloxone and that he was left in the hospital Emergency Department for seven hours without care.

Yale New Haven issued a statement saying, ‘Yale New Haven Hospital is aware of this lawsuit and is committed to providing the safest and highest quality of care possible.

“However, even in the best organizations gaps in care may occur. When they do, our goal is to acknowledge them, learn from them, and ensure that we minimize any chance that they ever occur again. We have offered our sincere apologies to the family of the patient and are working towards a resolution,” the statement said.

The complaint describes the increasing problem of fentanyl overdoses and claims Yale New Haven Hospital has not addressed the problem. “Despite its unique status in the region, Yale New Haven has repeatedly failed to provide appropriate care to patients suffering from toxicity caused by the unintentional ingestion of the drug Fentanyl,” the lawsuit claims.

“The number of Fentanyl-related deaths in Connecticut has increased every year from 2016 to 2021. In 2021, the Connecticut Department of Public Health declared that Connecticut residents are ‘more likely to die from an unintentional drug overdose than a motor vehicle accident,’” it states.

An exhibit attached to the complaint by an unnamed emergency medicine physician states, “For a patient who is initially designated as [Emergency Severity Index] level 2, the standard of care applicable in an emergency room is to reassess a patient’s vital signs, pain and/or change in condition every hour.”

The doctor continues, according to the suit, “it is my opinion that there appears to be evidence of medical negligence on the part of the Yale New Haven Hospital Emergency Department.”

Darnsteadt could not be reached for comment. She is being represented by. Sean McElligott of Silver, Golub and Teittel of New Haven.

McElligott issued a statement Monday, saying, “This is a case of medical abandonment. Seven hours of neglect lead to a predictable and tragic result. How does something like this even happen at a place like Yale New Haven Hospital? The family is both devastated and in disbelief.”

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off again, leaving the view of the camera.

Police searched the area near the dumpster and found a bundle of black fabric. Inside was a small silver handgun, police said. The gun was the same brand, color and caliber of the gun used in the shooting. A small piece of gray fabric matching Polanco’s shirt was found in the upper receiver of the firearm, according to police.

Police also recovered a single

bullet casing at the scene of the shooting, according to the warrant.

Police showed surveillance photos of LaPlante from Macy’s to the second loss prevention officer who saw the shoplifting and the shooting. The officer, who wasn’t named in the warrant, confirmed that the man on the video was the shooter. He was wearing red Nike slide sandals with socks and a dark blue jersey from a local basketball league that said “Savage City” with a picture of a tiger and the number 47 on the back, police said.

The guard also picked LaPlante

out of a photo lineup, police said.

Police showed the surveillance images of LaPlante to CT transit workers and located more surveillance footage on local buses before and after the shooting. The videos show LaPlante taking a bus from Windsor to the mall, then getting back on another bus near the mall and riding to the area of East Wolcott Avenue and Windsor Avenue in Windsor before 2 p.m.

Police assumed he got off the bus near his home, so they contacted Windsor police, who reviewed booking photos and identified LaPlante as a match.

Their records showed that he lived about one mile away from the bus stop, according to the warrant.

Police went to his address and spoke with his father, who he lives with. He gave them permission to search his bedroom, where officers spotted the red Nike slides and the “Savage City” jersey, the warrant said.

According to the warrant, police showed LaPlante’s father, Jackson LaPlante, photos from Macy’s surveillance and asked “this is your son, correct?”

“Yes,” his father replied, according to the warrant.

In court on Monday, Judge Prats also ordered that if LaPlante posts bail, he will be required to be on 24/7 lockdown and to wear a GPS monitor, according to court records.

His case was transferred to Part A court in Hartford, where major crimes are heard. He is scheduled to appear in court next on Sept. 7.

Police ask that anyone with information on the shooting contact the lead investigator, Detective Claire Hearn, at 860-645-5549 or the Manchester Police Department at 860-645-5500.

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Probe covers all Port Authority operations

Feds looking into state pier in New London, other capital projects

By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

The Connecticut Port Authority has fully complied with subpoenas from federal and state investigators probing the development of the state pier in New London and other operations, authority Chairman David Kooris said Friday.

In a subpoena issued last March, the U.S. Department of Justice requested all records and correspondence effectively covering all authority business between 2016 and the present.

Kooris said this includes matters related to the development of the state pier to serve as the launching point for a new offshore wind-to-energy project.

Documents provided to federal authorities were related to: Gateway Terminal, the firm selected in 2018 to oversee the pier transformation; Gateway's former partner, Enstructure LLC; Logistec

Connecticut, which was the previous pier operator; Seabury Capital Group of New York, the consultants who helped the authority select Gateway; and the lobbying firm of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, which represents Ørsted North America and Eversource, developers of the wind turbine project; and various communications firms.

"We have tried to be as transparent as possible in notifying the Board [of Directors] of ongoing investigations while being respectful to the investigating authorities' requests" to keep information confidential as they collect evidence, Kooris said. "I am confident that we have been very responsive and provided everything they have asked for in a timely manner."

Tom Carson, spokesman for the U.S. District Attorney's Office in Connecticut, said Friday the office neither confirms nor denies whether an investigation is in process.

The CT Mirror first reported in February that federal and state authorities were investigating the pier initiative and other capital projects that had been overseen by

Lamont's former deputy budget director, Konstantinos "Kosta" Diamantis.

A federal grand jury issued a subpoena for all emails, text messages and attachments involving Diamantis and a broad range of construction projects on Oct. 20, eight days before Lamont removed him from his post, which also included oversight of the state's municipal school construction grants program.

Meanwhile, Kooris has been trying to put out legal and political fires at the port authority since Lamont named him to lead the board as part of a larger overhaul of the quasi-public entity's operations in July 2019.

One of the largest fires involves the authority's decision in May 2018 to hire Seabury Capital to help find a new pier operator. It paid Seabury \$700,000 for that work, including a \$523,000 "success" or reward fee. That happened three months after Henry Juan III of Greenwich — who was a managing director with Seabury — had resigned from the authority board.

The State Contracting Standards

Board, a watchdog agency, adopted a report in February that compared this success fee with the "finder's fees" the General Assembly banned more than two decades ago. That ban followed a scandal in the late 1990s that sent then-state Treasurer Paul Silvester to prison.

And the Office of State Ethics announced in early July that it had fined Seabury \$10,000 for providing more than \$3,000 in food and gifts —including hockey tickets and an overnight stay at a Greenwich club — to authority officials in 2017 and 2019. This also pre-dated Kooris' tenure as board chairman.

Kooris also confirmed Friday that state Attorney General William Tong's office had issued two subpoenas for authority records in October 2021.

One of those subpoenas is tied to an anti-trust investigation that has since closed, Kooris said. This involved Dealy Mahler Strategies of Milford, a communications and marketing firm previously retained by the authority.

Kooris released the federal subpoena as well as the subpoena from Tong's office involving the

closed investigation.

But he declined to release the second subpoena from Tong, saying he had been instructed by the attorney general's office not to do so because an investigation is pending.

A spokesperson for Tong's office could not be reached for comment Friday afternoon.

Kooris added that he is confident the investigations would have no impact on the planned dredging of the Thames River this fall and winter, a key step in preparing the port to support the wind-to-energy initiative.

The New London pier transformation project, including the dredging work, also has come under fire because of escalating costs. Priced three years ago at \$93 million, it now is estimated at more than \$255 million. Connecticut's share now stands at \$178 million, with \$77.5 million coming from private partners.

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Local novelist Lamb, star Ruffalo to screen series in New London

HBO's 'I Know This Much Is True' will be shown on the Garde's giant screen over 3 nights in Sept.

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Mark Ruffalo and Derek Cianfrance, the star and director of the TV miniseries "I Know This Much Is True," will join Connecticut-based novelist Wally Lamb, who wrote the book on which the series is based, for a special September screening at the Garde Arts Center in New London.

The six-episode series will be shown over three nights: Sept. 21-23 at 7 p.m. on the Garde's 41-by-25-foot screen. Lamb will appear at all three screenings. Ruffalo and Cianfrance will take part in post-show discussions on Sept. 22 and 23.

Ruffalo plays twin brothers in the series, which also stars Melissa Leo, John Procaccino, Rob Huebel, Juliette Lewis, Yale (now Geffen) School of Drama grad Kathryn Hahn, Rosie O'Donnell, Imogen Poots, Archie Panjabi, Harris Yulin and others.

The "I Know This Much Is True" series debuted on HBO in 2020 and is still available to watch on the HBO Max streaming channel, but "I don't know if it's ever been shown on a big screen before," says the Garde Arts Center's Executive Director Steve Sigel.

The Garde's "I Know This Much



Lamb

is True" screenings have been in the works for months, Sigel says. "We actually starting talking about it two years ago, hoping to premiere it."

Sigel says the theater considered screening the series over two nights instead of three but "it's a heavy movie to begin with, and when you add a Q&A to that, it's a lot." Each episode lasts about an hour, except for the sixth episode, which clocks in at 76 minutes.

Like many of Lamb's works, "I Know This Much Is True" takes place in Connecticut. The plot concerns twin brothers Dominick and Thomas Birdsey, both played by Ruffalo. Dominick must help Thomas handle his struggles with paranoid schizophrenia, including a horrific act of political protest.

Ruffalo is currently reprising his best-known movie role — as the Incredible Hulk — in the new Disney+ series "She-Hulk: Attorney at Law." His dozens of movies include "The Kids Are All Right," "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," "The Normal Heart," "Infinitely Polar Bear," and "Begin Again," and his live theater credits include the original off Broadway production of the iconic teen drama "This Is Our Youth" and a



Derek Cianfrance, left, and Mark Ruffalo, the director and star of "I Know This Much Is True," will join author Wally Lamb for a multnight screening of its six episodes at the Garde Arts Center. GARDE ARTS CENTER/COURTESY

IF YOU GO: "I Know This Much Is True" will be shown Sept. 21 to 23 at 7 p.m. at the Garde's Arts Center in New London. Tickets are \$24 on Sept. 21 and \$48 on Sept. 22 and 23, with a 25% discount if attending all three nights. More information at gardearts.org.

recent Broadway revival of Arthur Miller's "The Price."

Cianfrance is not just "I Know This Much is True"'s director but co-wrote its screenplay. His other directing credits include "The Light Between Oceans," "The Place Beyond the Pines," "Blue Valentines" and several documentaries including "Black and White: A Portrait of Sean Combs."

The Garde opened in 1926 as a movie palace. Besides hosting touring Broadway shows and live concerts the theater still regularly shows movies, from recent mainstream Hollywood hits to touring indie film festivals. It has hosted special guests for film screenings on many occasions, from "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" in 2001 hosted by the musical's composer (and area native) Stephen Trask to a 2020 showing of "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan" featuring its star William Shatner.

The Garde has presented Wally Lamb projects before, including the world premiere of the film version of his "Wishin' and Hopin'" in 2014.

Lamb, who grew up in Norwich,

actually used the Garde — and the ghosts that haunt it — as key elements in his novel "I'll Take You There," which was published in 2016.

"We call Wally our resident novelist," Sigel says. He says that Cianfrance also has local connections.

Last month the Garde Arts Center was awarded the 2022 Outstanding Historic Theatre Award from the League of Historic American Theatres. The theater is letting its patrons share in the honor by holding an "Award-Sharing Ceremony" at the theater Aug. 25 at 7 p.m.

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What makes a scary movie even scarier? Watching it outdoors at night

Hartford's annual free Spooky Popcorn series kicks off this weekend

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Spooky Popcorn, the annual outdoor, free series of scary movies in downtown Hartford, begins Aug. 27 and runs through Oct. 1 with screenings of classic horror movies

on six successive Saturday nights.

The movies are shown at Constitution Plaza at 7:30 p.m. Viewers are asked to bring their own chairs, blankets and snacks. Because of the frightening nature of the films, children 17 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

The lineup

■ Aug. 27: "The Babadook," a 2014 Australian thriller about a creepy

children's book whose lead character seems to come to life.

■ Sept. 3: "Children of the Corn," a 1984 shocker based on a Stephen King story about a frightening cult of children.

■ Sept. 10: "It: Chapter One," a 2017 horror film, also based on a Stephen King story, about a malevolent, shape-shifting clown.

■ Sept. 17: "The People Under the Stairs," a 1991 frightfest directed by horror maestro Wes Craven about

an evil couple and their terrifying family.

■ Sept. 24: "Train to Busan," a 2016 Korean-language thriller about people who are on a train when a zombie apocalypse happens outside.

■ Oct. 1: "The Lost Boys," a 1987 vampire bloodbath starring Kiefer Sutherland.

As a followup to the series, on Oct. 22 and 29 Pratt Street will hold "Bizarre Bazaar," a Hallow-

een-themed vendor fair from noon to 4 p.m. Three musical acts will perform on each day, and pumpkin painting will take place.

The events are presented by hartford.com, the Hartford Business Improvement District and The Hartford.

Details about parking are at hartford.com/spooky.

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Workforce

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figure stood at 34%). Connecticut's manufacturing workforce peaked in 1967 at nearly 480,000 jobs.

Today, fewer than 160,000 people work in manufacturing in Connecticut, accounting for less than 10% of the workforce. That's slightly higher than the national figure of 8.4%.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Connecticut had recorded 24 consecutive months of manufacturing job growth, albeit modest, over a period from 2017 to 2019.

What factors are pushing younger workers away from manufacturing? Manufacturing enjoyed a positive reputation for much of the mid-20th century, but by the late 1990s and early 2000s, that was shifting.

Union membership had declined. Young people were increasingly turned off by what they perceived as dirty, dangerous and grueling careers in a field

with few opportunities for growth. Comprehensive high schools eliminated technical skills instruction.

Today, many K-12 students don't personally know adults who work in the field.

With a much smaller cohort among Generation X and Millennials, Connecticut's manufacturing workforce skews older. More than one-third of the industry's workers are over age 55, compared to around 27% across all sectors, according to the state labor department.

Why is Connecticut prioritizing manufacturing over other sectors? Policymakers have homed in on manufacturing because increased factory production often leads to "multiplier effects" — that is, increased activity in related sectors, like the companies that source materials or provide services to the manufacturing business.

If Connecticut helps boost the workforce at Groton-based submarine manufacturer Electric Boat, for example, that has the potential to drive up business for all of the

company's local suppliers.

Economic development leaders looking to recruit businesses to Connecticut also say the state's existing high-tech manufacturing operations and highly skilled industry workforce provide key competitive advantages over other states.

What is Connecticut doing to invest in its manufacturing pipeline? Tens of millions of dollars in state and federal funding, much of it matched by private sector contributions, have gone into an array of education and training programs to funnel Connecticut workers into manufacturing jobs.

Since 2014, the state's Manufacturing Innovation Fund has supported a range of programs from career activities for K-12 students to "pre-apprenticeships" and funding for tuition, books and transportation for high school students taking college-level courses in manufacturing.

The state supports training programs in technical and comprehensive high schools, colleges and universities, the correctional

system and online. The city of Hartford recently announced the creation of two "walk-in Community Manufacturing Training Centers."

And a portion of federal funds under the American Rescue Plan is slated for a new short-term job-training program dubbed CareerConneCT — modeled after one of Connecticut's most successful training programs, the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board's "Manufacturing Pipeline," which offers tuition-free technical instruction for people seeking jobs at Electric Boat and other advanced manufacturing companies in the region.

What's in it for Gen Z? Tuition for advanced manufacturing training programs is either partially or fully subsidized, and many companies offer reimbursement for employees who go back to school for higher education degrees.

To many young adults facing years of crippling student loan payments, the option to graduate debt-free with lots of lucrative job options could be enticing.

Plus, manufacturing jobs here pay well above the average salary statewide, according to a recent analysis by the Connecticut Business and Industry Association.

The work itself is also far more technologically advanced than it used to be — increasingly so in Connecticut.

The onset of new digital technologies in the industry has been referred to as the "Fourth Industrial Revolution," involving internet-connected machines, robots, quantum computing and artificial intelligence.

The state's large aerospace and defense manufacturers require a high level of precision from the parts-makers in their supply chains. And the multimillion-dollar 3D printers, grinders and other computer-based machines require specialized training.

Some in Gen Z say they like the work and enjoy working with these advanced technologies.

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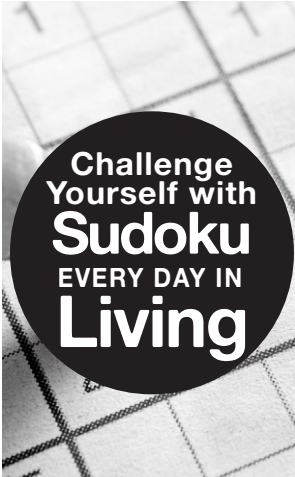
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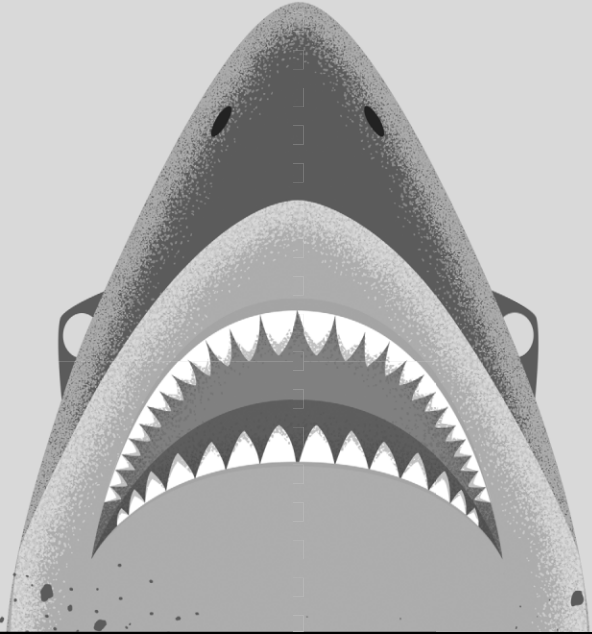
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OP-ED

Roughing it on the shore, then and now

By Steve Cambria

It wasn't that long ago when a trip to the Connecticut shore began with a marathon ride in the family station wagon. You remember, that rusted-out, exhaust belching behemoth that reeked of wet dog, sweaty sneaks, cheap cigars and 3-day-old provolone, the green tree air freshener dangling beneath the dash, affording little relief. Its vinyl seats would stick to our backs like Velcro, and cooling was regulated via a crank-down window. To avoid overheating, we'd sometimes poke our heads into the open air alongside the family mutt. Entertainment came in the way of a crackling, A.M. radio or those classic, time-killing games "Hunting License Plates," "What Color Am I Thinking" or "I Spy." Back then, beaching-it was synonymous with sweaty heads, sunburned backs and Mercurochrome painted knees, where a bit of roughing it, was all part of the shoreline dynamic.

Today, many families head to the Sound in spacious SUV's, equipped with more advanced technology than an Apollo space craft, their sleek designs and tinted windows fit for a VIP motorcade. Passengers enjoy individual, climate-controlled zones, Wi-Fi, drop-down DVD players, ports and charging stations for a myriad of portable electronic devices. Kids are tuned-in and zoned out, enjoying every creature comfort but the kitchen fridge and a microwave oven.

Remember traipsing to the beach with friends and neighbors, hauling chairs, towels, umbrellas, coolers, tubes, pails and shovels, the scene reminiscent of a mass looting at Benny's? Or, those heart-pounding, evening strolls, walking hand in hand with your summer crush? Gone the way of the payphone, as nowadays the beach parking lot resembles the first tee at your local



In Old Lyme, with fog hovering over the homes at Black Point Beach, a lone boat heads out to Long Island Sound in 2015. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

country club. Sadly, the golf cart — now the mainstay of inner beach travel — has all but replaced the time-honored tradition of walking. And when darkness falls, you'd better shelter in place, for the streets transform into an endless parade of these vexing carts, transporting entire families, including infants, dogs, cats, you name it, often travelling at breakneck speeds. For the elderly and physically handicapped, God bless and ride on. For many however, whose girth could stand some light cardio, dump the cart and lace-up your sneakers. Back then, cottages were cottages. Bare bones, dark and a tad mysterious, wooden

and wild as the winds that ravaged their exteriors. It was another world, far, far different than home, and in hindsight that's what made it so special. Kids camped on top floors, in airless, dormered spaces, where adults had to move about permanently hunched-over, for fear of suffering a concussion courtesy of steeply pitched roof rafters. We slept on mattresses that felt more like remnants from the Spanish Inquisition.

Windows, if any, were often jammed shut from a half century of springtime painting parties, allowing minimal airflow. Heat stroke wasn't the only potential peril;

we also had to contend with the noxious clouds of cigarette smoke that would waft upwards from our parent's raucous card parties, mercifully, getting us a little buzzed in the process. On those oppressive nights, my dad — a vanguard of the DIY movement — would erect an artificial wind field of electric fans. The floor would rumble and heave, our sheets would billow and dust bunnies would glide by a la tumbleweeds in a spaghetti western. It was akin to sleeping in the prop wash of a B-17, but we endured. After all, we were at the shore, where every day unleashed new adventures.

Today, many of the rustic cottages built by card carrying members of the Great-est Generation — working class folks who scrimped and saved enough to provide their families with a seaside escape during the blistering summer months — are being razed, replaced by towering, soulless dwellings, equipped with every modern convenience, including central air conditioning.

Perish the thought; all windows and doors sealed shut, entombed inhabitants robbed of ever filling their lungs with the sweet, salt air, hearing the shrieks of ecstatic children playing on the sand, the waves breaking against the shoreline at twilight, the frenzied chatter of terns chasing baitfish, the hypnotic din of a far-off fishing boat or the crescendo approach of that midnight freight train lumbering north toward Beantown — to name a few. It begs the question, when a cottage becomes a luxury home does it still possess the magic of a cottage? I have my doubts, and will forever cherish those bygone days of sweaty heads, sunburned backs and Mercurochrome painted knees.

Steve Cambria is a lifelong, summer resident of Point O' Woods beach in Old Lyme.

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Blame one party for these hot summers

The leader of today's Republican Party, Donald Trump, has declared climate change a hoax. His followers in the House and Senate, some of them climate deniers, are steadfast in their resistance to legislation to combat climate change.

While most of the world celebrates the immanent passage in the House of the Inflation Reduction Act, legislation that will reduce carbon emissions at a national scale, Republicans in both houses have declared their opposition to the bill.

As the world swelters and openly discusses the possibility that this summer's heat will continue into the summers ahead, it is quite possible that what used be known as the "dog days of summer" will be increasingly identified with the party standing strong against measures to curb global warming. In short, "Republican summers."

Jack Pasanen, Burlington

Dialogue will help halt threat of nuclear war

On this anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki,

we should listen to the warning of U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres that humanity today is one misunderstanding, one miscalculation away from nuclear annihilation.

He has called for the nuclear super-powers to replace dangerous confrontation with dialogue and cooperation on issues related to human survival, and is warning us of the dangers of the current deadly arms race.

Instead our leaders are increasing our massive military budget, feeding a profitable war machine, and spending \$1 trillion on nuclear weapon modernization.

This spurs China and Russia to feed their war machine, which in turn, becomes the excuse for our leaders to throw more taxpayer dollars to develop more weapons. We are caught up in a deadly arms race.

I urge our House to co-sponsor HR 1185, Embracing the Goals of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. This treaty, signed by 86 nations, calls for the elimination of nuclear weapons. In the spirit of this treaty, we urgently need to stop the trillion dollar modernization of our nuclear arsenal that began around 2014, with little if any public discussion.

We need to work with all nuclear weapon nations to reduce the risks of nuclear war.

Joseph Wasserman, West Hartford

This is what you call Alex Jones: A liar

It has long bothered me that Alex Jones has consistently been referred to in the media as a "conspiracy theorist." It just doesn't seem right. That title suggests legitimacy, professionalism and even some academic gravitas. None of this has been appropriate as he's spewed lie after lie, pumping out fake news and promoting hatred.

As a result of his recent trial in Texas, we all now know that he's a liar, stated by him under oath. The nearly \$50 million he has been ordered to pay to the family of a first grader killed in the Sandy Hook shooting for those lies is not the end, rather a beginning, of a series of pending lawsuits that hopefully will remove him from the airwaves and perhaps cause others of his slimy ilk to think twice before lying to the vulnerable people they prey upon.

But how about Alex's new "title?" I encourage the Courant, its sister newspapers and the media in general to recast Jones and others like him for what they truly are, liars, not theorists, just plain-old liars. Stop enabling the Joneses among us and identify them for what they are, liars.

Marc A. Reich, Avon

OP-ED

Schools can help to identify mental health issues

By Andrew Feinstein

April 20, 1999. Two students — 18 and 17 years old — kill 12 fellow students and one teacher and wound 21 others at Columbine High School in Columbine, Colorado.

Dec. 14, 2012. A 20-year-old former student, who was pulled out of public school, kills 20 first grade students, four teachers, and two administrators, and wounds two others at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

Feb. 14, 2018. A 19-year-old former student, who was expelled because of his behavior, kills 17 and wounds another 17 at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

May 24, 2022. An 18-year-old former student kills 19 students and two teachers and injures 18 at the Robb Elementary School at Uvalde, Texas.

These school shootings have led to responses from the right seeking school hardening, police in schools and arming teachers. They have led to responses from the left seeking gun control. What seems to be missing is the fact that each was perpetrated by a former student with grievances that festered into a mental illness, leading the student to act out his rage violently. Certainly, the ease with which each of these young men secured automatic weapons facilitated the tragedy. And, certainly, schools were ill-prepared to defend against these sorts of assaults.

Still, one way to reduce the frequency of these mass murders of school children is to interrupt the process by which a student grows angry, lets his resentments seethe



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and grow, and falls victim to his mental illness. That interception is best done at school. It is done by having teachers, school psychologists, school social workers and school administrators watch for the signs of growing alienation in all students and intervene with students descending into bitterness. School staff cannot be just passive recipients of cries for help. They need to know what signs to look for and be vigilant.

Interventions are not limited to mental health therapy, which many alienated youths are resistant to. Perhaps the most efficacious remedy for grievance is a sense of belonging, of being part of a community. We exacerbate alienation by expelling bitter students, as happened in Parkland, or by pushing kids out of the public

school system, as happened in Newtown. Clearly, there are times when a misbehaving student needs to be removed from the general education classroom. That needs to be an invitation to participate in an engaging and therapeutic in-school program, not to be told that the student is unwanted and unwelcome.

It is also critical that certain children not be identified as risks. Such labeling has been proposed in various pieces of legislation. Labeling children is a form of discrimination, whereby a child's rights and opportunities are limited because someone makes an assumption about the child. Instead, mental health services and interventions need to be made available to all students, with more intense services and interventions going to those in the most

need. When a student faces challenges in reading or math, the school provides extra help. When a student needs mental health support, the school should similarly provide extra help.

Interventions need to be rooted in community, belonging and interpersonal relations. It is connection that produces appropriate behavior and alienation that produces dangerous behavior. Being part of the school community should not be used as a reward for good behavior. Rather, it should be seen as the preventative of bad behavior. Separation, exclusion, seclusion, isolation all reinforce the very feelings of alienation that pose the greatest threat to the school community.

Doing this takes trained professionals. Some of these professionals are school psychologists, social workers, nurses and guidance counselors. Some also need to be teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators. What all these folks need is training, oversight and support in creating a safe school environment that cares for the mental health needs of the students in it. Various pieces of legislation — the COVID stimulus packages and the gun safety bill, to name two — have contained substantial federal funding for these sorts of interventions. We must see that the money is spent to build community, not to throw out kids in trouble.

The bottom line is that student mental health is a serious public safety issue. The way we deal with it will determine whether we make the problem worse or better.

Andrew Feinstein is an attorney in Mystic.

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Avon
Joseph C. Diani, Sr.
Masako Y. Olson

Berlin
Robert A. Griffith
Albert J. Ravagnani, Jr.
Alan S. Scott

Bristol
Josephine L. Goggi
Jay F. Pennito

Canton
Daniel W. Wingate

Cromwell
Donald F. Dickinson

Farmington
Daniel P. Cristofaro

Glastonbury
Donald E. Ahlberg

Granby
Richard A. Phelon

Hartford
Donald E. Ahlberg
Steven E. Holbrook

New Britain
Albert J. Ravagnani, Jr.

Newington
Joseph C. Diani, Sr.
Lucille Tofeldt

Other Towns in CT
Leola Bouthot
Bill Brown, Jr.
D. Jane Christiana
Barbara A. Dolin
Harold Mckearney
Masako Y. Olson
Richard A. Phelon
Robert J. Wiczenski

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Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Ahlberg, Donald Edward "Don"



Donald Edward "Don" Ahlberg, 88, of South Glastonbury, loving husband to the late Evelyn (Schultz) Ahlberg, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 7, 2022. At the time he passed, Don was surrounded by his family in the home that he built and lived in. Don was born April 10, 1934 in Waterbury, one of three children to the late Alexis William and Frieda (Gramitt) Ahlberg. The family moved to Hartford and he graduated from Bulkeley High School and continued his education, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from Trinity College. During the Korean Conflict, Don served as a member of the National Guard, based at Bradley Field. Following his service, Don was employed for many years as a Mechanical Engineer at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. Don had many interests outside of work. He was a member of the CT Horticulture Society, CT Arbor Society, Hartford Tropical Fish Club, Glastonbury Chorus, Friends of Nayaug, and was a frequent blood donor for the American Red Cross. He was a very active member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford and its craft group. A true labor of love, Don and Evie designed and built their home in the Nayaug farming section of South Glastonbury. It has been described as a "sight to behold". He raised animals and tended his flower, vegetable and fruit gardens and donated many of the crops to those in need. Other passions included hosting impressive gatherings for friends and family, making wine using fruit from his own gardens, and building his coin collection. He was also a generous benefactor to many charitable foundations, including Emanuel Lutheran Church and Trinity College. Most of all, Don loved his family and spending time with them. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his nieces and nephews, Alan Ahlberg and his wife Peggy of Glastonbury, Eric Ahlberg of Exeter, RI, Amy Johanna Ahlberg of Pawtucket, RI, Scott Daniels and his wife Laurie of Dade City, FL and Sandra Murphy of Poughkeepsie, NY as well as his adored great nieces and great nephews, Kyle, Andrew, Matthew, Joseph and Sarah. He will also live on in the heart of his longtime companion, Pamela Cayward of East Granby and her family. In addition to his wife and parents, Don was predeceased by his brother, Allan W. Ahlberg, sister and brother-in-law, Audrey M. (Ahlberg) and Gordon E. Daniels, sister-in-law Betty Schiedler and Keith Murphy, late husband of Sandra. A memorial service celebrating Don's life will be held on Friday, September 9, 2022 at 10 am in Emanuel Lutheran Church, 311 Capital Avenue, Hartford. Inurnment will follow the service in Hillside Cemetery, 27 Hillside Avenue, Terryville, CT 06786. (Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church the morning of the service). There are no calling hours. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Emanuel Lutheran Church, 311 Capital Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106 or HHC Hospice at Home, c/o Hartford Hospital – Philanthropy, 80 Seymour Street, P.O. Box 5037, Hartford, CT 06102-5037. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit glastonburyfuneralhome.com.



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Cristofaro, Daniel P.

Daniel P. Cristofaro, the son of Dominic Cristofaro and Elizabeth (Sczcesniak) Cristofaro, passed away on August 20, 2022 at the age of 66, after a courageous battle with colon cancer. As a child, Danny's father faithfully brought him to the Sunday school at the Torrington Gospel Hall where he first heard of the love and care of Jesus Christ. He attended local schools in Bristol and graduated from Bristol Central High School. He worked for many years with the Red Cross in Farmington, CT, and later as a security guard at Aetna. Danny was a gentle soul whose quiet manner spoke for him. His height, along with his humble nature, earned him the reputation of being a "gentle giant." He enjoyed spending the holidays surrounded by his family, quietly observing the busyness and activities with a rare but priceless smile. Danny would never arrive empty-handed and always contributed something small yet meaningful to every event. Additionally, he loved to go to the gym, attending Cosplay events, mastering Chess, and driving his Jeep. Danny is survived by his brother, David Cristofaro of New Hampshire and his niece, Dr. Shannon Reynolds and her husband, Dr. LeGrand Reynolds of Massachusetts. He leaves behind his Aunt Margaret Cassala and Uncle Michael Cassala, whose guidance and advice he valued greatly throughout life. He also leaves behind many cousins who cherished his presence and friendship, and his friend, Dr. Niko Broodie-Murray who helped him through the hard times and often spoke with him about the Savior. A graveside service will be held at West Cemetery in Bristol, CT, on August 25, 2022 at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a charity Danny regularly contributed to, by visiting www.stjude.org/donate Family and friends are invited to leave a condolence message or upload their favorite picture of Danny by visiting www.dupontfuneralhome.com

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Dolin, Barbara Ann



Barbara Ann (Dyer) Dolin, 94, of Niantic, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 18, 2022. Barbara was the youngest daughter of Amy and George H. Dyer of New London, CT. She is predeceased by her beloved husband of 71 years, Herman K. Dolin DDS, her sister Joan D. Welton, and her brother Charles F. Dyer MD.

Barbara was a graduate of the Williams School (Williams Memorial Institute), in New London, CT and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Hygiene in Philadelphia, PA.

Barbara began her work career as a dental hygienist for several years, until she became the office manager/receptionist for Herman's dental practice in Niantic. Her proudest occupation, however, was being a loving mother, aunt, grandmother and great grandmother.

Barbara loved the beach, music, dancing, flowers, gardening, reading, traveling, and had a smile for everyone she met. She had a great sense of humor and loved going on adventures.

After raising her large family and living in Niantic for 68 years, Barbara relocated to Brick, NJ 9 months ago. Barbara found much joy and happiness with her fellow residents and the employees of Artis Senior Living of Brick NJ as well as spending time with her family. We cannot thank Artis enough for all the care they provided.

Barbara was a true lady and a ray of sunshine to everyone she met. What an incredible legacy she has left behind. She will be truly missed.

Family was precious to Barbara. She is survived by her beloved nieces and nephews, as well as her 6 children: Pamela Horn of Hellertown, PA, Sandra Gill Sirkin of Manchester, NJ, Joan Rankowitz of St. Augustine, FL, Barbara D'Alessandro of Cheshire, CT, Keith Dolin of Basking Ridge, NJ, and Carol Buckley of Haddam, CT.

She also leaves behind 18 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, whom she loved dearly.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimers Association at act.alz.org in honor of Barbara A. Dolin.

Thomas L. Neilan & Sons Funeral Home have been entrusted with handling the arrangements. Please visit www.neilanfuneralhome.com to leave the family an online condolence.

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Krause , Christine A. (Vaast)



Christine Ann Krause of Vernon Rockville, CT, and long-time former resident of Westport and Redding, passed away peacefully on August 16, 2022 at the age of 83. Born in Norwalk, CT on July 10, 1939, Christine was the daughter of parents Janet Isabel Wynne Vaast and Jules William Vaast, formerly of Westport, CT.

Christine is survived by her four siblings, her brother Arthur Wynne Vaast of Redding; sister Patricia Workman and her husband, Jim, of Milford; brother Michael Vaast and his wife, Virginia, of Punta Gorda, FL; and brother Paul Vaast of Ormand Beach, FL. Christine is also survived by her son, Dennis Peters and his wife, Robyn, of Ridgefield and stepdaughter Heather Reed and her husband, Peter, of Wilton, CT. She was known as Grams and Grammy by her four grandchildren, Jack and Spencer Peters and Katherine and Phillip Reed.

Christine is also survived by her niece Alison daSilva and her husband, Mark, of Shelton; niece Aimee Cashman and her husband, Mike, of Westborough, MA; nephew James Workman and his wife, Daniela, of Milford; nephew Jonathan Vaast and his wife, Francesca, of Southington; niece Jenifer Vaast and fiancé, Steven Hillan, of Jacksonville, FL; niece Melissa Vaast of Boca Raton, FL; niece Kristin Vaast of St. Augustine, FL; and additional extended family members that she loved dearly and with whom she enjoyed spending time with.

Christine was predeceased by her son, George Peters, III and her beloved husband of 24 years, Herbert E. Krause.

Christine loved the beach, was an avid walker throughout her life, and enjoyed playing numerous card games with family and dear friends. Christine had a passion for reading, and enjoyed exchanging mystery novels, thrillers and other books with neighbors and friends. Christine and her family were grateful to the nursing staff, especially Bri, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford who brought her laughter, comfort, and peace in her final days.

A private celebration of Christine's life will be held for family and close friends in Westport, CT. A graveside service will be in Grove Hill Cemetery, 22 Cemetery, Ave., Vernon, CT 06066 on Monday, August 29, 2022, at 11:00 am. for immediate family and her Vernon community friends only. Per Christine's wishes, be colorful and lighthearted, no black allowed. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that charitable donations be made in Christine's memory to a school literacy program, local library or book program for children or seniors. Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home in Vernon has care of the arrangements. To leave a condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Owens, Malcolm



Malcolm Owens, 73, of Rockville passed away Mon. Aug. 15, 2022 at Hartford Hospital. He was born Aug. 22, 1948 in Lynch, KY to the late William Owens Jr. and Bessie Mae Noble. Malcolm retired from both Amerbelle in Rockville and Stop & Shop in Vernon. Malcolm loved to watch Western Movies and had a good sense of humor.

He was predeceased by his brother, William Owens; Darrell Owens and Earl Owens; his sister, Marilyn McFarland. He is survived by his brothers; Rubard, and Thomas Owens; His sisters, Willa Stephens, Wanda Hill, and Lorna Owens. He was loved by many cousins, nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews. Friends and extended family members may join the family on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022 from 2-4 pm at Burke-Fortin Funeral Home, 76 Prospect St, Rockville. Burial will be held privately. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Bessette, Janet C. (Meryman)



Janet Claire Meryman Bessette, 72, was born on October 8, 1949 in Lynn, Massachusetts. She passed away, at her home in Windsor Locks, CT, surrounded by family, on August 19, 2022.

Growing up in Lynn, Janet enjoyed school and usually got straight A's. She loved music, especially The Beatles, outings with her Grandparents, playing with her brother and sister and skating on Goldfish Pond.

She attended Lynn Classical High School and graduated from Lynn Hospital School of Nursing in 1970. Janet touched countless lives as a Nurse, both as a caregiver to patients and as a mentor to younger coworkers. During her career, she worked at various nursing homes and retired from Avon Health Center in 2014.

Janet met her love, Ray, through letters in May, 1968, when he was a Marine serving our country in Vietnam. They met when he returned in November, and got married on August 22, 1970 in Lynn. They made their first home in East Hartford, CT where they welcomed their first child, Jennifer, on Christmas Day, 1972. One year and one day later, they welcomed a son, Michael. Family memories include many vacations together, beach trips, the drive-in, family picnics and fishing. They made their home in Simsbury, CT for 42 years before moving to Windsor Locks last year.

She loved Bruce Springsteen, Christmas, fried clams at the The Clam Box, the beach, antiques, going to auctions, buying and selling at flea markets, decorating, going out for ice cream, crafting and spending time with friends and family. Her friends and family appreciate how quietly considerate she was of everyone around her. They enjoyed her wonderful sense of humor, kindness, generosity and compassion for others.

Janet was predeceased by her mother, Claire Bishop Meryman; sister, Cathy Meryman, grandparents Adrienne and Gerard Bishop, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Leonard and Lillian Bessette, sister-in-law Dorothy Rankl and her husband, Joseph Rankl and brother-in-law, Robert Bessette and his wife, Gail Bessette.

She is survived by her husband of almost 52 years, Ray Bessette of Windsor Locks; daughter, Jen Snyder and son-in-law, Andy Snyder of Enfield, CT; son, Michael Bessette of Simsbury, CT; brother, Jim Meryman and his wife, Laura Mammarelli of Holderness, NH and a host of nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Janet's wish was to be cremated with no services. The family plans to have a celebration of life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Christiana, D. Jane



Clinton - D. Jane Christiana, age 88 of Clinton CT. passed away on August 19, 2022. She was the beloved wife of James A. Christiana, Jr. who predeceased her in 2018. Jane was born in Lubec Maine on May 8, 1934 and was the daughter of Daniel and Dorothy (Chapais) Cleaves. The family came to live in Hartford CT where she grew up. Jane graduated from Hartford High School in 1952. After graduating she worked at the Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford CT. She was married in 1955 and moved to Springfield MA. where she lived for seven years. All three of her children were born in Springfield MA. In 1962 the family moved to Clinton CT. She worked at Chesebrough Ponds for 23 years. Jane was a member of St. Mary's Church of the Visitation in Clinton CT. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren were her pride and joy. She only wished to live to see them settled in life. She loved to garden and loved working in her yard. She also loved to travel, go to tag sales and play bingo. She leaves behind her children, Karen Gasparini of Midlothian VA. and her husband Jeff. Kathy King of Old Lyme, CT. and her husband Andy. Her son Curtis predeceased her in 2006. In addition, her grandchildren Lauren D. Tafro (Ivor) and J. Patrick Gasparini. Daniel J. Gasparini predeceased her. Also, Jake and Sam King. Additionally, her great grand children Lina Jane Tafro and Delilah Rose Tafro. She also leaves behind her beloved sister Marjorie Fiaschetti of South Windsor CT., beloved sister and brother in laws Joann Preziosi of Weathersfield, CT. Paula and Bruno Antico of Agawam, MA., and Bernadette Christiana of Georgia, plus many nieces and nephews. Jane was predeceased by her parents Daniel and Dorothy Cleaves, Husband James A. Christiana, son Curtis Christiana, brother John Cleaves and baby grandson Daniel J. Gasparini.

Calling Hours will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022 in Swan Funeral Home, 80 East Main St., Clinton, CT from 9:00-10:30am. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held following the calling hours at 11:00 at St. Mary Church, Clinton. Interment will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Clinton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to St. Mary's Church at 54 Grove Street, Clinton CT. 06413. To sign guest book or leave condolences for the Christiana family, visit www.swanf.com

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Holbrook, Steven E.



Steven E. Holbrook, age 58 of West Hartford passed away on Friday, August 12, 2022 at UCONN John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington. Steven was the son of the late Charles and Phyllis Holbrook. He attended Hall High School in West Hartford. Steven worked for several years at the Children's Museum in West Hartford in the Planetarium. He also worked as a manager at the Church Street Parking Garage in Hartford. Steven had an interest in flying and thoroughly enjoyed taking flying lessons at Blandard Field in Hartford. He had a great love for the performing arts and was active in many school productions and community theater both as an actor and part of the stage crew. He was a loyal fan of the UCONN men and women's basketball teams, UCONN football and the New England Patriots. Steven enjoyed summer beach vacations with family. He loved animals and lovingly helped care for the three golden retrievers that shared his home. He leaves behind his sister, Pamela and her husband Arthur Bruskin of Huntington, New York and his sister, Linda Holbrook of West Harford. He also leaves his nephews, Nathan and Zachary Bruskin; his aunt, Norma McCabe of South Glastonbury and several cousins. A Graveside service will be held on Wednesday August 24th 1:00 pm at Rose Hill Memorial Park. Donations in Steven's memory can be made to the National Kidney Foundation (kidneyfund.org). Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories or photo tributes to www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com

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Dunnbier, Mollie (Ditty)



Our precious Mollie (Ditty) Dunnbier, of West Hartford, wife of the late Otto E. Dunnbier, died peacefully on the morning of August 18, 2022 surrounded by the love of heaven and earth and everywhere in between. Mollie was born November 6, 1919 to Amos and Emma Ditty in Bascom, Florida and was the eldest of six children. She graduated from Florida Southern University and became the teacher of young children. She met her husband Otto in Venice, Florida. They were married on May 15, 1943. Mollie continued to teach, until her husband's return from WWII. They moved to Hartford, CT to begin their life together. They were married for 70 years. Mollie was a member of the Hartford Methodist Church. She also was a member of book clubs, poetry groups, PEO, a philanthropic organization, and a music lover, who was a Saturday afternoon Metropolitan Opera listener. She traveled in Europe and throughout the United States after Otto's retirement. She moved to McAuley Assisted Living in 2009 where she became a vibrant and loved member of the community. She leaves behind her children, daughter Susan Dunnbier and son Timothy Dunnbier, her granddaughter, Hannah-Stack-Dunnbier, and several generations of nieces and nephews of both the Southern and Northern contingent. She was the kindest, purest person we ever knew. She will always be with us. The Funeral Service will be Thursday, (August 25th) at 1:00pm at Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford. Calling hours begin at noon with her burial following in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. All are invited to be together with our dearest Mollie. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.

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Sullivan Jr., Charles M.



Charles M. Sullivan, Jr. of Vernon (CT), cherished husband, father and grandfather, died from treatment complications during his resolute fight against acute myeloid leukemia surrounded by family on August 14, 2022. Charles was born on May 3, 1943, in Cambridge, MA, son of the late Dorothy (Shea) and Charles M. Sullivan. He grew up in New Haven, graduated from Hill House High School, attended the University of Connecticut and served in the U.S. Army reserves. Charles married his love Claudia Barbera in 1966 and they settled in Vernon where they lived for over 50 years. An entrepreneur at heart, Charles owned and operated the Charles Sullivan Insurance agency and the Wet Pets Aquarium Shoppe. Charles loved life and was always busy. One might find him sailing the waters of Maine or Long Island Sound, chopping firewood, or planning and packing for his next family vacation. With his interests on the ocean and in the woods, Charles was a member of the Manchester Power Squadron, the Westerly Yacht Club, and the Rockville Fish & Game Club. He leaves his wife Claudia; his son Sean Sullivan; his daughter Cara Sullivan, her husband William Wencil Jr. and Charles' treasured grandson, Zlatan; his brothers Kevin Sullivan (predeceased); and James Sullivan, his son Kevin Sullivan, daughter Kelli, her husband Michael Niro and their son Ryan; sisters Deidre Sullivan (predeceased); Sheila Ticknor; Tara and husband David Diercks; his sister-in-law Norma Barbera, her daughter Vonnice and husband Bob Baker; his sister-in-law Shirley and predeceased husband Jack Barbera, and their sons, Todd Barbera, his wife Heidi Herlihy and daughters Emma and Bella (from prior marriage), Bryan Barbera, his wife Okon Hwang and their son Brant and daughter Lorin; and Charles' many friends. A Roman Catholic Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 11 a.m., meeting directly at Blessed Sacrament Parish, St. Bernard Church, 25 St. Bernard's Terrace, Vernon. Burial will follow with Military Honors at St. Bernard Cemetery in Vernon. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home in Vernon has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please send to charlesmsullivanjr@gmail.com.



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Tofeldt, Lucille (Braun)



Lucille (Braun) Tofeldt, 81, of Newington, died peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022. She was the beloved wife for 58 years of Robert C. Tofeldt, Sr. Born in Hartford, daughter of the late Philip and Beatrice (Soucy) Braun, Lucille resided in West Hartford before moving to Newington 58 years ago. She retired from Mortgage Lenders Network after many years of employment and was a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit. A dedicated follower of UConn Women's Basketball, she also enjoyed playing golf and had been a member of the Newington Women's Softball League. Throughout the years, Lucille also enjoyed monthly luncheons with her high school girl friends. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother and along with her husband "Buster", she leaves three sons and their wives, Brian and April Tofeldt, Stephen and Christine Tofeldt and Robert Tofeldt, Jr. and Marie, all of Newington; and five cherished grandchildren, Shannon, Leah, Brenden, Allyson, and Lucca. She also leaves several nieces and nephews and her lifelong dearest friends, Sheila Carew and Corrine Schroll, both of Wethersfield, and Sara Purtell of Arizona. She was predeceased by her sister Arleen Trent. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Her funeral service will begin on Friday, Aug. 26, at 9:00 am at Newington Memorial, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Newington. She will be laid to rest in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. Because she was an avid backyard bird watcher and loved watching the hawks nesting there, memorial donations may be made to the Sharon Audubon Center, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon, CT 06069. To share your memories with her family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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Diani, Sr., Joseph C.



Our Heavenly Father has taken Joseph home on August 16, 2022 while surrounded by his family.

A military service will be held August 26, 2022 at 12 pm at St Ann's Cemetery, 289 Arch Rd., Avon. A gathering will follow at Soma Grille, 731 Hopmeadow St., Simsbury. Family and Friends are welcome.



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Nelson, Jeffrey



Jeffrey A. Nelson, most recently of Southport, NC, passed away on August 19, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. Born to Ingrid and Raymond Nelson on May 1, 1941, Jeff grew up in Newington, CT, later graduating from Hartford State Technical Institute and serving in the National Guard. He led an active life on the Connecticut shoreline sailing his boat Chandra, kayaking, running, camping, skiing, and hiking. An avid cyclist with a soft spot for children, he completed the two-day 135-mile AngelRide fundraiser for childhood cancer seven years in a row. At 73 years of age, he was the oldest cyclist to have ever completed the ride. He was also a longtime member of the Deep River Congregational Church, where he served as a Sunday School teacher. Jeff was a talented mechanical engineer who held two lightbar patents. His signature commute to work included cycling from his house to the Connecticut River, canoeing across the river, and running the rest of the way to his office. He was a consummate craftsman who restored three Victorian homes and was an expert in antique clock restoration. In addition to an extensive clock collection, Jeff had an antique car collection that included two circa 1948 Fords, a 1960 motorcycle, and two circa 1914 Model T Fords, one of which he built from parts at 18 with his lifelong best friend, Butch Wesner of Newington, CT. Jeff built all manner of things for his children and grandchildren, ranging from wooden stilts, swing sets, and see-saws to cedar-shingled tree forts with secret doors. He instilled in them an adventurous fun-loving spirit, playing lively tunes on the trumpet and regaling them with humorous and charming Swedish stories.

A much-adored father, grandfather, and partner, Jeff devoted himself to his family above all else. He is survived by his partner of 30 years, Terry Carpenter of Southport, NC; his brother, Terry Nelson, also of Southport, NC; his three children, Alyssa Nelson of Salisbury, NC, Jeffrey Nelson (Jennifer) of Berkeley, CA, and Christina Cook (Jeffrey) of State College, PA; and four grandchildren, Leif and Elin Nelson and Liam and Kieron Cook; as well as his cherished step-family, Vincent, Erica, Viviana, and Mirella Mugavero (Winter Garden, FL); Lisa, Anthony, and Ethan Mugavero and George Berger (Spotsylvania, VA); and Jerry, Gina, Charlotte, and Grayson Mugavero (Greenwich, CT). In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to AngelRide at <https://www.angelride.org>.

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Olson, Masako Y.



Masako Y. Olson, lovingly known as "Nancy", 89 of New Hartford, CT passed away peacefully at home with her devoted husband Paul by her side on August 19, 2022. Beautiful and incredibly strong, Nancy was born in Miyagi-Ken, Japan on January 18, 1933, daughter of the late Unnosuke and Mume Yodokawa. Nancy began her work career during the Korean War in Yokohama, Japan, and it was there that she met and fell in love with Paul Olson, Jr. who she married in 1958. After travelling together to America by boat with love and courage, Nancy lived with Paul in Avon CT for over 40 years and was a deeply devoted wife and mother to her sons Dave and Jim. While learning the English language and raising her family, she showed her incredible strength as she also worked at Waring Blender, Inc. for thirteen years and Ensign-Bickford Industries, Inc. for 17 years. Selfless and always caring for others, Nancy welcomed everyone to her home. She was loved for her cooking "more than enough" delicious meals for family and friends as well as any of Paul's Avon police colleagues or Dave and Jim's High School buddies that would stop by. Paul and Nancy moved to New Hartford, CT in 2000. She was a proud and humble Japanese woman of few, direct and always meaningful words. Nancy's husband, children and grandchildren were the light of her life and they will always be blessed with her wisdom, inspiration and values for a life well lived.

Nancy was predeceased by her daughter Barbara, sisters Umeyo and Mieko and brothers Tadashi, Shoichi and Masayuki. She is survived by and will be forever remembered by her beloved husband Paul, her sons Dave (Robbin Frye) and Jim (Ann), her three loving grandchildren, Justin, Kristin and Colby and her brother Kiichi.

The family would like to thank the amazing nurses and caregivers from Hartford Healthcare at Home Hospice (Jennifer, Tamara and Patricia) and Polish Helping Hands (Claudia and Lucy) for their kindness and loving care of Nancy.

The family will host an open house for close friends and relatives as a celebration of life at Jim and Ann Olson's home at 38 Spencer Brook Rd., New Hartford, CT on Sunday, September 4, 2022 from 2 - 4 pm. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made in Nancy's name to Connecticut Dog Gone Recovery (<https://www.ctdgrv.org>) or Hartford Healthcare Hospice (<https://www.hartfordhealthcareathome.org>). Please visit www.vincentfuneralhome.com to view Nancy Olson's "Book of memories" where family and friends may leave condolences, share stories and photos and light candles in her memory.

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Phelon, Richard A.



It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Richard A. Phelon, of Biloxi, MS, on Friday August 19, 2022, at the age of 80. The son of the late Richard T. and Marjorie (Sheldon) Phelon, Richard was born on June 4, 1942, and was raised in West Suffield, CT. Richard embraced every opportunity, and it wasn't long before his career had him traveling across the US making many lifelong friends along the way. Most notably he worked for Hospital Laundry Services (HLS) in Chicago, IL starting as Director of Engineering and moved up the ranks to Executive Vice President. Later he accepted the role as Vice President of Operations of Gulf Coast Laundry Services in Gulfport, MS where much of his work was spent rebuilding the business in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina before he retired. Richard had a passion for fast cars, he was an accomplished member of the P & G Racing Team that would race stock cars in the Sportsman Division at the Riverside Speedway in Agawam, MA; he was a proud member of the Gulf Coast Corvette Club, participating in annual Cruisin' the Coast events taking home many trophies throughout his years. After receiving a special invitation, Richard proudly displayed his 50th Anniversary Corvette at the National Corvette Museum. He was a beloved father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend. Richard's family were the pride and joy of his life. The legacy of Richard's kind spirit, passion for cars, love of reading, and zest for life will live on through them. He will be lovingly remembered by his three children, Steven Phelon and his wife, Sandy of Granby, CT, Kathleen Brooks and her husband Alan of Southwick, MA; Zachary Phelon of Blue Hill, ME; a granddaughter, Megan Phelon of Granby, CT; a sister, Eleanor James; his beloved partner of 25 years, Patricia Verzak; his previous spouses Patricia Renaudette and Diana Slater-Jones. He was predeceased by a sister, Peggy Wright, and her husband Roderick. He was a rare combination of someone who had a love of life and a firm understanding of what was important — the simplicity of living a life with those you love. His family will receive friends on Thursday, August 25, 2022, from 5-8 PM at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home, 443 East St. N. (Rt. 159), Suffield. Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 26, 2022, at 11:00 AM at West Suffield Congregational Church, 1408 Mountain Rd., West Suffield followed by burial in West Suffield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Ave, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001. To leave on-line condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Reed, Kirby



Kirby Reed, 69, of Windsor, entered eternal rest on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. Kirby was born on October 9, 1952, in Hartford, CT, son of the late Henry and Johnnie Mae Reed. Kirby's family will celebrate his life at 11am, Friday, August 26, 2022, at the Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Road, Windsor. The family will receive friends prior from 10am-11am. For the complete obituary and online condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneral-home.com



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Scott, Alan Sturgeon



Scott Alan Sturgeon "SSPRO" of Berlin, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. Born in Springfield Massachusetts on June 23, 1956. He was the son of Judy (Keegan) Sturgeon and the late Eugene F Sturgeon. Scott attended Berlin High school and earned his associates degree from Tuxis Community College. He then pursued a life-long career in his main passion, golf.

Scott began his career in the golf business as an assistant professional at Indian Hill CC, Cliffside CC and Tumble Brook CC before moving on to help build Golfers Warehouse. Scott was the general manager of Golfers Warehouse stores for many years. He developed countless relationships in the golf industry and moved on to be a manufacturer's representative with Mizuno, Adams and Taylor Made among others. Scott remained in the golf business into retirement most recently working at The Country Club of Farmington.

Scott loved the outdoors. Aside from golf he loved fishing, skiing, and visiting his favorite places (Enchanted Pond, Little Sebago Lake and many other spots in Maine). Scott was also a music enthusiast who loved to listen to James Taylor and Gordon Lightfoot which continues to live through his children. Scott will be remembered most for his love of his three children, family, close friends, and the golf community. Scott's passion, larger than life personality and overall love for life will forever be missed.

He is survived by his three children who he was so proud of, Mathew Alan Sturgeon of Berlin, Jonathan Scott Sturgeon of Terryville, Allison Gene Laroche and her husband Michael Laroche of Plantsville; his mother Judy Sturgeon of South Portland Maine; sister Lori Davis of Bath Maine, brother David Sturgeon and wife Ruth Sturgeon of Lewiston Maine; the mother of his three children Renee Roche of Farmington and her parents and family. He also leaves many nieces, nephews and lifelong friends who he loved very much.

Calling hours will be held Sunday, August 28th from 12-3pm concluding with a service at 2:30 at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin, 111 Chamberlin Highway. The family then welcomes everyone to attend the celebration of life immediately after at Timberlin Golf Course, 330 Southington Road in Berlin. In lieu of flowers contributions in Scott's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Please share a memory of Scott with the family in the online guestbook at www.ericksonhansenberlin.com

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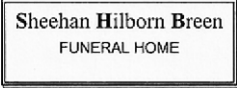
DeVito, Rosemary (Pizzoli)



Rosemary (Pizzoli) DeVito, of West Hartford, beloved wife of the late Bernard A. DeVito, were reunited in heaven on August 19, 2022, after 30 years of being apart. Rose was a graduate of Bulkeley High School class of "1942" after which she worked at the Hartford Insurance Company through the 1940's when she and Bill started their family.

She was always a caring and loving person helping to care for her mother during a nine year illness and her husband during his four year illness. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and when apart would talk to their pictures. Rosemary leaves behind her sons, Thomas and wife Terry DeVito of Enfield, Robert DeVito of West Hartford and Michael DeVito and partner Martha Donovan of Bloomfield; granddaughter, Anna Marie DeVito and great-grandson Max, granddaughter, Katrina and her husband Bill Monahan, grandson, Anthony and wife Heather DeVito with great-grandchildren, Nina Rose and Hunter.

Calling hours will be on Wednesday, (August 24), at Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Ave., West Hartford, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. There will be a Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, (August 25) at 10:00am at St. Brigid Church, 1088 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, followed by interment at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com.



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Dickinson, Donald F.



Donald Dickinson, 81, of Epping, New Hampshire, passed away April 23, 2022. He was the beloved husband of Sharon (Ward) Dickinson. He was born in Middletown, CT, grew up in Cromwell, CT and moved to Plainville, CT before moving to New Hampshire in 2013. He joined the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Essex CVA9, Shangri-La CVA 38, Helicopter Air/Sea Rescue Division. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and was a former member of the Plainville Lions Club.

Besides his wife Sharon he leaves behind his children, Suzanne Dickinson (fiancé Brian Zeph), Shawn Dickinson (Arlene); Grandchildren Christina (Brendan) Camilleri, Sabrina (Ben) Keene, Holly Dickinson, Cody Dickinson, Shannon (Tom) Vernali, Jamie Jankowski, Derek Dickinson; great grandchildren Brayden Camilleri, Hailey Sencio, Shane Sencio; his brother Charles Dickinson (Pat) of Cromwell, CT; stepmother Sophie Dickinson of Cromwell, CT; sisters-in-law Joanne Farrell, Patricia Bielefield (Don); many nieces and nephews and cousins. He was pre-deceased by his father Charles Dickinson and stepsister Charlotte Whitney.

A graveside service for family and friends will be held 11 AM August 27th at Wilcox Cemetery, East Berlin, CT. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to the East Berlin Volunteer Fire Department, 80 Main Street East Berlin, CT 06023 or to a charity of the donor's choice. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com



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Ravagnani, Jr., Albert J.



Albert J. Ravagnani, Jr. passed away on Sunday (Aug. 21, 2022) at the age of 85 surrounded by his family. Al was born in New Britain and was the son of Albert J. Ravagnani, Sr. and Antonette (Pietkerwitz) Ravagnani. Al graduated high school and trade school as a carpenter, and worked as a union carpenter his entire career. Retiring in 2000, he finished his carpenter career with Frank E. Downs Construction Company. He also spend eight years in the Air National Guard Reserves. Al enjoyed fishing and playing the accordion throughout his life, and always enjoyed working on woodworking projects. He enjoyed going to polka dances and listening to polka music, especially the Eddie Forman polka band. He also enjoyed playing the accordion with his longtime friend Johnny Prytko. Al was a longtime parishioner at St. Andrew's Church in New Britain. Special thanks to Eurohome Care on the excellent homecare provided by caretaker Gifty, who was like a member of the family. Al was predeceased by his first wife Joanne after 35 years, and his second wife Carol after 25 years. Al leaves his three daughters, Darlene Makuch and her husband Thomas, Debra Setzko and her husband John, Doreen Revoir and her husband Scott. He also leaves five grandchildren, Felix Revoir, Jenna Escales and her husband Scott, Jessica Parlapiano and her husband Phil, Kyle and Evan Setzko. He also leaves three great grandchildren, Nathan and Ryan Parlapiano, and Asher Escales. Funeral services will be held Thursday (Aug. 25, 2022) with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 AM at St. Paul's Church 485Ailing St. Kensington Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Visitation will be Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at the Farrell Funeral Home 110 Franklin Sq. New Britain. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society P O Box 280285 East Hartford, CT 06128 To send a condolence, please visit www.FarrellFuneralHome.com.



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Griffith, Robert A.



Robert "Bob" A. Griffith, a true-hearted, honest, and jolly good man, died at age 90 on August 18, 2022. He had his loving family by his side, as well as the compassionate staff at Brookdale of West Hartford.

Born in New Britain in 1931, he enjoyed his youth, riding his bike and delivering the newspaper around the city until 1949, when he moved with his family to Kensington, graduating from Berlin High School in 1950. He enjoyed living in Kensington the rest of his years.

He was the eldest of six to Anna and Burton Griffith and was admired by each of his siblings as well as the entire Griffith clan. After high school, he worked for 16 years as a postal clerk, served two years in the U.S. Army in post-war Germany, and put himself through night school at the University of Hartford, earning a degree in business administration. From there he became a federal bank examiner with the F.D.I.C. for 20 years. After retiring from government service, he worked for 25 more years as a seasonal tax preparer.

He married the love of his life, Dorothy, in 1956, who remained his wife and companion for 66 years. He was broken hearted to lose her just two months ago. They spent many of their best days at their cottage in Misquamicut, Rhode Island, but also found time to travel to 10 national parks, Alaska, Canada, Iceland, France, Germany, Italy, and many states along the East Coast.

Bob was a loyal New York Mets fan since the club's inception in 1962, and especially enjoyed watching them play almost every game this season. Let's Go Mets! He also loved watching UConn men's and women's basketball games. He was an avid reader, often consuming 2-3 newspapers a day and several books per week. He knew so many Jeopardy answers, completed the daily crossword puzzle, and had amazing recall for sports details.

He leaves behind a devoted daughter Sharon Saunders, son-in-law John Saunders, two granddaughters, Erin Kalla and Shelby Saunders, who were bright lights throughout his life, a sister Elaine and her husband Alfred, brother Thomas and his wife Pamela, brother-in-law William, and many loving nieces and nephews.

He was an active member of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church for many decades, serving as treasurer, vestry member, lay reader, and consummate volunteer. Any donations on his behalf may be made to the Building Fund, St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 68 Main Street, East Berlin, CT 06023. Following cremation, there will be a private memorial service at a later date.

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Wiecenski, Robert James



Robert James Wiecenski, 79, of Willington, CT passed away on Sunday, August 14 at home with his family by his side. Robert was born in Stafford Springs, CT on March 12, 1943, son of the late Joseph and Josephine (Dudek) Wiecenski. Robert joined the United States Air Force after graduating from Stafford High School in 1962 and served during the Vietnam War. He

was stationed in Alaska where he rode out the 1964 earthquake. He ended his tour serving overseas in Vietnam. After returning from the service in 1966, Robert married his loving wife Mary (Kozelka) in May of 1967. He worked as a steamfitter plumber for the University of Connecticut. He retired after 32 years as the shop foreman. Robert was a hard worker and was always helping others. He loved stamp and coin collecting, planting his vegetable garden, fishing and most of all taking care of his family. He was a member and Quartermaster of the Corporal Henry Toberman VFW Post 938. He served as a member of the Willington Board of Finance and was an active member of the Willington Seniors. Robert was a lifetime member of Willington Fire Dept. Inc. No. 1, serving 55 years and acted as Treasurer for 29 years.

Robert was a loving husband and father to his wife Mary, son Derrick (Erika) and daughter Julie, and proud grandfather to his beloved grandsons Jacob and Kyle. He was predeceased by his parents and brother, Frank Wiecenski. He is also survived by his Aunt Barbara Grant, nephew Frank Trafton, and many cousins. His funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 10 A.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial with Military Honors will follow the service at St. Edward Cemetery, Stafford Springs, CT. Calling hours will be held on Friday, August 26, 2022 from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Willington Fire Dept inc. No. 1 Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 161, Willington, CT 06279. To leave a message of sympathy for his family, or for directions, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

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Wingate, Daniel Woodward



Daniel Woodward Wingate, 58, the beloved husband of over 34 years to Cheryl Wingate, passed away unexpectedly at home on Thursday, August 18, 2022. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and a caring friend and mentor to many. Dan was born on November 8, 1963, in Hartford, to Frank and Anne Wingate of Ludlow, Vermont. He was raised in Canton, Connecticut and was a graduate of Kingswood Oxford, class of 1981.

Dan's love for building evolved into a career as a carpenter and general contractor. He worked on many homes in central Connecticut remodeling and making custom additions. He took great pride in the work he did for his clients. Throughout his life he continued to use those skills to work on his own home as well the homes of his family and friends.

After being blessed by the births of his two children, Karissa and Casey, he became interested in technology and taught himself several programming languages. He continually worked to educate himself on the newest technologies and expand his skills. Recently, at the Travelers Insurance Co. he was using his many years of development experience to improve processes for many teams across the enterprise.

Dan was a longtime dedicated member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Vernon. He served as president of the congregation. He spent many hours working on gardens, planning events, and volunteering his skills. He made many of his close friends through the congregation there.

Despite having left carpentry as a full time career, he constantly had some project going on. He was always thinking of ways to improve his surroundings, and if you invited him over too many times you might find yourself remodeling or removing walls. Thankfully, he was always there to help, bringing along a car full of tools and a playlist of music to sing along to.

Daniel had many hobbies and interests, but there was little he loved more than spending time with his family and granddaughters. He went to great lengths to arrange sledding in the snow or kayaking down the river. With a dimpled smile and a twinkle in his eye, he would suggest a fun adventure or start planning a new project. Each day he loaded with fun ended with everyone exhausted, happy, and snuggling the dogs on the floor. Vermont was Dan's favorite place on earth, and most of the adventures he led were up in the mountains or on the waters of Lake Rescue. Golden retrievers, grandkids, margaritas, and watching the sunset from the float were all the key components of his ideal summer day.

In addition to his wife and parents, Dan is survived by his two loving children and their cherished families. His daughter, Karissa Wingate, her husband Daniel Keener, and their daughters Saydra and Arden, of Willington. His son Casey Wingate, his wife Alyssa, and their daughter Melody Wingate, of Andover. His sister Lisa Wingate Geissler, her husband Frank Geissler, and their two children Michael and Emma Geissler, all of Farmington. His mother-in-law Carol Chandler of Vernon. He is survived by his brother-in-law, Alan Chandler and his wife Paula of Lempster NH, and his sister-in-law Dianna Peele and her husband Shane of Wales, MA. Additionally, his nephew and nieces, Chad, Kaitlyn, and Christina. He will be missed by a wide circle of loving friends and relatives, including the many semi-adopted kids and grandkids he took under his wing. Dan was predeceased by his father-in-law Wallace Chandler Jr.

Calling hours will be at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 20 Meadowlark Road, Vernon, CT, 06066 on Friday, August 26, 2022, from 4-7 pm. A celebration of Dan's life will be at the church on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 10 am. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Vernon.

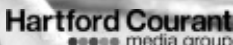
Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home in Vernon, has care of the arrangements. To leave a condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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WNBA PLAYOFFS SUN VS. WINGS

Suddenly, on the brink

After Dallas' rout in Game 2, Sun must win on road to move on

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

The third-seeded Connecticut Sun lost in shocking fashion to the sixth-seeded Dallas Wings, 89-79, in Game 2 of a first-round WNBA playoff series on Sunday.

The contest was not nearly as close as the final score suggested, a complete reversal of the first game of the series.

Now the Sun face an elimina-

tion Game 3 on the road. The series decider will be played Wednesday at 9 p.m. on ESPN, with the winner advancing to the semifinals to face either the Chicago Sky or New York Liberty, who also are locked in a 1-1 series.

Here are five takeaways from Sunday's game and the series as a whole:

1. Connecticut struggled to disrupt

The Sun are at their best when they're being disruptive on defense and forcing turnovers for easy

Up next

Sun at Wings
9 p.m. Wednesday, ESPN

transition points.

That strategy worked in Game 1, as Connecticut scored 20 points off of 17 Dallas turnovers. The Sun had 10 steals and 16 fast-break points.

The script was reversed in Game 2. The Sun finished with 13 points off eight Wings turnovers. That included just one steal and four fast-break points. Most of those

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Sun forward Jonquel Jones blocks a shot by Wings forward Isabelle Harrison during Game 2 on Sunday at Mohegan Sun Arena.
SEAN D. ELLIOT/AP

MLB LITTLE LEAGUE CLASSIC



Red Sox manager Alex Cora takes a ride down the hill at Lamade Stadium with members of the Little League team from Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, on Sunday before the MLB Little League Classic game between the Red Sox and Orioles in Williamsport, Pa. **GENE J. PUSKAR/AP**

FEELING LIKE KIDS AGAIN

Red Sox, Orioles not simply along for the ride in Williamsport

By Julian Benbow
Boston Globe

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — The urge to be a kid again is irresistible. It was almost impossible for Red Sox manager Alex Cora to forget the memories forged from a childhood of seeing so many people slide down the hill at Lamade Stadium on TV. When the Red Sox arrived Sunday in Williamsport for the MLB Little League Classic, Cora's mind was made up.

"I was like, 'I'm going to do it,'" he said.

He did. Then he did it again. Then one more time.

"They made me go down the hill head-first and it didn't look great," Cora said, referencing a run that was in heavy rotation before ESPN's broadcast of Baltimore's 5-3 victory, "but that was awesome."



Red Sox third baseman Rafael Devers has his photo taken with young fans as his team arrives at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa., on Sunday. **TOME. PUSKAR/AP**

If his 46-year-old body felt it on Monday when the Sox traveled back to Boston after a six-game road trip, then so be it.

"I'll pay the price tomorrow," he said. "I'll be very sore, but it was fun."

Nate Eovaldi and Christian

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Arroyo were watching from a distance, and they couldn't help themselves either.

"Once we saw the kids going down, I said, 'All right, let's go over there. Let's go test it out.' Once we got over there, the hill's a lot steeper than it looks. Climbing up there you start getting a little tired," Eovaldi said. "Then, going down, I was flying down there."

Watching his players take the tumble down the hill, Orioles manager Brandon Hyde admitted he started sweating a little.

"It's a lot faster than you think,"

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CIAC

Legislature establishes task force to study leadership, procedures

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference is coming under scrutiny from the Connecticut General Assembly after a bill was passed that will convene a task force to study the CIAC's leadership structure and how the organization receives and resolves complaints.

The establishment of the task force was tucked into Public Act No. 22-116 that came out of the Senate dealing with special education, school mental health specialists and professional development, among other issues.

Rep. Bobby Sanchez (D-New Britain), the House's chair of the Education Committee, said the section of the bill came out of a discussion with other legislators, as well as Len Fasano, the former Senate Republican president pro tempore. Sanchez said Sen. Doug McCrory (D-Hartford), co-chair of the education committee, also brought up the question of diversity in the CIAC leadership and its committees.

"Fasano and other legislators had questioned why [the CIAC] had so much power over the schools and the schools didn't have much say," Sanchez said. "We said, 'OK, let's come up with this

committee where they can examine and talk about how effective is the CIAC, and include them. They were to report to us in January 2023, the next session, their findings — what processes are they going to change? Answer the question Sen. McCrory had in regards to making it more diverse. And they promised they would do that."

"Now we'll wait until we see the report in January. If the report comes out and they make some fixes and it's satisfying, we don't move on it; we don't do anything. But if we feel the report wasn't sufficient enough and more needs to be done, at that point, we can legislate some changes ourselves."

CIAC Executive Director Glenn Lungarini did not wish to comment on the task force but issued a statement that read in part: "The CIAC welcomes the opportunity provided by this task force to deepen the understanding of state legislators about CIAC's structure, collaboration, change processes, leadership programs and student recognition designed to provide the best interscholastic experiences possible to its member school students."

The task force will be made up of a coach, an athletic director, an administrator, a diversity expert

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HARTFORD ATHLETIC

Club hires Ramos as its new head coach

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — Ray Reid and Tab Ramos, a couple of highly accomplished soccer people, were trying for months to get together for lunch or dinner. Reid, just retired as UConn's coach, wanted to pick Ramos' brain about what to do next.

But plans kept changing. One or the other kept canceling. By the time they were finally able to meet in the famous Oyster Bar at Grand Central Terminal in late June, the reason for having lunch had dramatically changed, too. Reid had become technical director of the Hartford Athletic, and with the resignation of Harry Watling, he was now looking for a coach.

"This started with what seemed to be a harmless lunch in New York City," Ramos said Monday as he was introduced as the Athletic's new head coach. "I had a chance to learn about the club, about who we are as a club and where we want to go as a club. ... There's nothing like going somewhere where you're really wanted."

Over seafood, Reid, who has been serving as interim coach for two months while conducting his search, reeled in a big one for Hartford. Ramos, 55, is one of the best-known and most respected names in U.S. soccer, and he lines up with the Athletic's vision of player development and pursuing the USL title.

Born in Uruguay, Ramos played college soccer at NC State, then played with the U.S. National Team in the 1988 Olympics and in three World Cups, in addition to a long career in Major League Soccer.

After his playing career, he was with the U.S. national under-20 team from 2009-11 as an assistant coach, and as head coach from 2011-19, leading the squad in the FIFA U20 World Cup in 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019, with three consecutive quarterfinal appearances, a U.S. record. He also won CONCACAF titles in 2017 and '18.

Ramos was Jurgen Klinsmann's assistant with Team USA at the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil, where the U.S. men reached the Round of 16. Ramos coached the Houston Dynamo in Major League Soccer for two seasons, let go after a 6-16-12 finish in 2021.

"As far as I can tell this is one of the best days in the history of the club," Reid said. "When [chairman] Bruce [Mandell] hired me, he asked us to try to

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Tab Ramos, center, was named the new coach of the Hartford Athletic soccer team Monday at the Mandell JCC in West Hartford. Technical director Ray Reid is at left and chairman Bruce Mandell at right. **DOM AMORE/HARTFORD COURANT**

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Patriots: Preseason: at Raiders, Friday, 8:15 p.m.
Giants: Preseason: at Jets, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Jets: Preseason: Giants, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Red Sox: Blue Jays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Blue Jays, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Yankees: Mets, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Oakland, Thursday, 9:30 p.m.; at Oakland, Friday, 9:30 p.m.
Mets: at Yankees, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Rockies, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Rockies, Friday, 7 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Portland, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; at Portland, Wednesday, 6 p.m.; at Portland, Thursday, 6 p.m.
Sun: WNBA First Round at Dallas (Game 3), Wednesday, 9 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at Tulsa, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; at New York, August 31, 7 p.m.; at Los Angeles, Sept. 5, 10:30 p.m.

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2 p.m.: Cardinals at Cubs. (Live) MLB
3 p.m.: Little Baseball World Series. (Live) ESPN
5 p.m.: Little League World Series. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Little League World Series. (Live) ESPN
7 p.m.: Blue Jays at Red Sox. (Live) NESN. Radio: 1080
7 p.m.: Mets at Yankees. (Live) TBS. Radio: 97.9, 880
8 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB
BASKETBALL
9 p.m.: WNBA playoffs Sky at Liberty. (Live) ESPN

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings	W	L	PCT	GB
Northeast				
Somerset	69	44	.611	—
Hartford	66	47	.584	3
Portland	56	58	.491	13.5
Reading	52	62	.456	17.5
New Hampshire	50	64	.439	19.5
Binghamton	43	70	.381	26
Southwest				
Erie	68	46	.596	—
Akron	65	49	.570	3
Altoona	57	56	.504	10.5
Bowie	56	58	.491	12
Richmond	55	58	.487	12.5
Harrisburg	44	69	.389	23.5

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS

NEW HAMPSHIRE 6, HARTFORD 1
SOMERSET 13, BOWIE 3
BINGHAMTON 6, RICHMOND 5
AKRON 6, ERIE 4
READING 8, PORTLAND 0
HARRISBURG AT ALTOONA, CANCELLED
TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Hartford at Portland, 6p.m.
Erie at Harrisburg, 6:30p.m.
Altoona at Bowie, 6:30p.m.
Richmond at Akron, 6:30p.m.
Binghamton at Reading, 7p.m.
New Hampshire at Somerset, 7p.m.
SUNDAY'S LATE YARD GOATS BOX SCORE

FISHER CATS 6, YARD GOATS 1

New Hampshire AB	R	H	BI
Schneider, 2b	4	2	2
De Los Santos, ss	5	1	2
Aiello, 3b	3	0	0
Martinez, dh	3	1	2
Gold, c	4	0	0
Schwecke, 1b	3	1	0
Robertson, lf	4	0	0
Espino, rf	3	1	1
Eden, cf	4	0	0
Totals	33	6	6
Hartford AB	R	H	BI
Collins, 2b	2	0	1
Veen, rf	4	0	0
Hill, dh	5	0	0
Lavigne, 1b	4	0	1
Doyle, cf	4	0	2
Montano, lf	4	0	0
Stovall, ss	3	1	0
Cope, c	4	0	1
Navarro, 3b	4	0	1
Totals	34	1	8

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Hartford 000 00001—1-8-1
E: Navarro. DP: New Hampshire 1. LOB: New Hampshire 5, Hartford 12. HR: Martinez. 2B: De Los Santos, Schneider Doyle, Lavigne. SB: Espino, Schneider Collins, Veen, Doyle.

Ramos

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turn this thing into a winner. On the commercial side, we are a winner. I was blown away by how they run a soccer event. Now we have to get it going on the football side. We need to win games. We need to be the model franchise in the USL, which, if you look at our record, people may giggle, but we will be the model franchise, we will win games and we will win this league. And [Ramos] is the right person; he checks all the boxes, as a player, as a coach, as a gentleman and as a leader.”

The Athletic are 5-15-5 this season, 11th in the Eastern Division, the play-offs out of reach. The franchise is 36-54-12 in its four-year history, with a playoff appearance after the pandemic-truncated 2020 season. Ramos will be its fifth head coach.

“We are switching gears. We are going after championships,” Mandell said. “The first step was to hire Ray, the second is to get the best coach we possibly can and go for it as a club.”

Ramos will take over on Sept. 1 and coach his first game at Trinity Health Stadium against Tulsa on Sept. 10, which will give him five games to evaluate and make plans for next season.

“It’s a little bit of a process to say we’re going to be a championship club,” Ramos said. “It takes a little time. But the pressure is there every day. That’s one of the things that attracted me

to come here. My last job ended nine months ago in Houston with the Dynamo. I spent eight months without coaching, and I really have that itch for coaching, being on the sideline and having that pressure and expectations to win games. When you’re competitive and you’ve lived in a competitive world your whole life, as I have, you crave that.”

The Athletic have averaged 5,090 fans per game at the 5,500 seat stadium in Hartford. Except for the pandemic season, the home games have drawn about 5,000 consistently. The introduction of Ramos, wearing a blue suit and green pocket square — Athletic colors — brought out about 100 to the Mandell JCC, including supporters, sponsors and players, many from the Athletic’s academy, and international soccer media.

Developing its own talent is a big part of the Athletic’s plan.

“There is a serious commitment to moving this club forward and to creating a championship tradition here,” Ramos said. “That’s something I’d love to be a part of. I like working on projects. When I took over the youth national team, the first thing we did there was to try to create a winning culture, and that starts with the mentality of the players, convincing the players that you’re there to win, not just qualify. Nothing less than the best you can do is accepted.”

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Tab Ramos, shown here coaching Houston in Major League Soccer, is the new head coach of the Hartford Athletic. MICHAEL WYKE/AP

YANKEES/METS NOTES

With Effross limited, reeling Yanks bullpen will need to find answers

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — With the Mets coming into Yankee Stadium on Monday night, the Yankees’ bullpen is still a work in progress.

The news that Scott Effross was not available Sunday because of shoulder stiffness was yet another blow to a bullpen that has already taken too many this season.

“He had some shoulder stiffness coming out of [Saturday’s] game, so he wasn’t available to us today,” Yankees manager Aaron Boone said Sunday.

Effross threw 16 pitches in Saturday’s loss to the Blue Jays after having not pitched for two days. Boone said he was not sure if Effross would be seeing team doctors for imaging or testing.

In eight appearances since the Yankees acquired him from the Cubs at the

trade deadline, Effross has allowed four runs, three earned, for a 3.24 ERA.

Effross, a rookie, had quickly earned the Yankees’ trust. Boone turned to him to close out the only win the Yankees got in Boston. He was in there for 1½ innings in the only game the Yankees won against the Rays.

The Yankees already had to make a minor move Sunday morning to bring in right-handed reliever Luke Bard when the struggling Albert Abreu went on the injured list with an inflamed elbow. That is on top of Clay Holmes going on the IL with lower back tightness. And Aroldis Chapman has struggled so much he isn’t even in the consideration for high-leverage innings right now, while Jonathan Loaisiga has been inconsistent.

Maybe the Yankees saw another late-game option

Sunday. Lou Trivino came in with the bases loaded in a 2-1 game, cleaned up the mess and gave them 2½ solid innings.

Stanton getting closer: Giancarlo Stanton went 0-for-3 with two strikeouts Saturday night for the Somerset Patriots, and the Yankees could not be happier. The slugger got through his first minor league rehab game without issue.

“He came through fine. Feels good today,” Boone said Sunday. “He’ll get more at-bats today. I actually just texted with him about 15-20 minutes ago. So yeah, everything went according to plan.”

The plan is for Stanton to get another day with the Double-A affiliate and then return to New York where he is scheduled to face Luis Severino in a live batting practice Tuesday.

Back to work for Mets’ Walker: Mets right-hander Taijuan Walker, whose back locked up in Atlanta on a play where he had to cover first base, did some pitcher’s fielding practice before Sunday’s game. Manager Buck Showalter said that simulating whatever caused an injury is a good mental exercise.

“Tai’s work day went real well,” Showalter told reporters Sunday. “The [fielding practice], everything went real well. That was good. We’ll try to shore that up by the end of the day, the direction we’re going in. We have to see how Tai feels in the morning.”

Showalter also provided an update on Eduardo Escobar, who’s on the injured list with an oblique injury: “Escobar’s doing real well. He’s almost pain free.”



The Orioles’ Rougned Odor celebrates after scoring the third run on a double by Jorge Mateo off Red Sox relief pitcher John Schreiber in the eighth inning of the MLB Little League Classic on Sunday night in Williamsport, Pa. GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

LATE SUNDAY ORIOLES 5, RED SOX 3

Sox blow it in late innings, drop series finale to O’s

By Jason Mastrodonato

Boston Herald

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — It’s becoming quite clear. These Red Sox just don’t have it.

Last week was a chance for the Sox to catch up some key ground in the American League wild-card race. They had an off day to regroup last Monday, then three games against the laughable Pirates and three more against a feisty Orioles team that isn’t supposed to be this good.

The Sox took two of three in Pittsburgh, but couldn’t capitalize against Baltimore, suffering a disappointing 5-3 loss to the O’s on Sunday night that sunk the Sox further back in the race. After a 3-3 road trip, the Red Sox are 60-62 and six games back. Even with three wild-card spots, the Sox would have to leapfrog four teams over the final 40 games to sneak in.

Worse, Nathan Eovaldi hasn’t pitched in two straight series and won’t pitch again this week as the Red

Sox once again pushed back his start due to trapezoid soreness.

The Red Sox played well Sunday until they went to a reliever they have leaned heavily on, and it caught up with them.

Nick Pivetta held a scrappy Orioles lineup to just two runs while striking out nine over 5 ⅔ innings. It was his highest strikeout total since he fanned 10 on June 19 against the Cardinals.

But Dean Kremer held the Red Sox to just one run over 5 ⅓ innings, and the O’s took a 2-1 lead into the eighth inning.

With Eric Hosmer out with a sore back, Bobby Dalbec was in at first base and had gone 0-for-2 with two strikeouts as his third turn up came around in the eighth. But with right-hander Dillon Tate on the mound, Sox manager Alex Cora needed a lefty hitter and turned to Franchy Cordero.

Cordero was only called up from Triple-A Worcester on Sunday because of a rule that allows a 27th man in the Little League Classic. Cordero had been on a roll in Worces-

ter, hitting .370 with four homers and an 1.100 OPS in 12 games since Hosmer took his place on the big league roster following the Red Sox’s trade with San Diego.

And when Cordero pinch hit for Dalbec in the eighth, he hammered a high-and-away fastball to the opposite field for a solo homer that tied the score. His timely hit gave the Sox hope until the bottom of the inning, when John Schreiber entered for more high-leverage work. The oft-used right-hander couldn’t find the strike zone, hitting Austin Hays with the first pitch he threw, then issuing a four-pitch walk to Rougned Odor to load the bases. Jorge Mateo, the O’s No. 9 hitter who entered with a .231 average, smoked a bases clearing double down the left field line and the Sox were cooked.

It was the seventh run Schreiber has allowed in his last 13 innings (4.85 ERA) since July 27.

Xander Bogaerts homered in the ninth but it was too little, too late.

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he said. “After I saw a couple of collisions — and experienced one of my own — I was hoping that we had everybody safe.”

But even he couldn’t resist, racing his 14-year-old son.

“At first, when I looked up, I wasn’t sure,” he said. “But once I saw people going down, I wanted to try it. You never know when you’re going to be back, and I’ve seen it on TV for years. So I wanted to have that experience.”

Both the Orioles and Red Sox are among four teams chasing the three American League wild-card spots currently held by Seattle, Toronto and Tampa Bay. But the few hours they spent soaking up Williamsport ahead of the Little League Classic tapped into some of the game’s youthful joy.

“I had a blast!” Cora said.

“Honestly, you get caught up in 162-plus [games], the grind, spring training. Obviously, the offseason wasn’t a great one — right? — with everything that went on. And just to come here and hang out with the kids and see baseball the way we used to see it when we were kids is refreshing. It put a smile on everybody’s face.”

The Little League Classic was born in 2017, and the Red Sox were originally scheduled to participate in the 2020 edition before the COVID-19 pandemic scrapped it. Even if the day was a detour, Cora wanted his players to throw themselves into it.

“One of the things that we’ve been telling the guys is it’s going to be different, but you have to enjoy it. You have to embrace it,” Cora said. “And I think they did.”

J.D. Martinez manned the microphone to interview Little Leaguers. Hirokazu Sawamura watched a few innings of Japan

vs. Latin America. Kiké Hernández watched the Puerto Rico team.

Rafael Devers had a “Kids Say the Darndest Things” moment when one told him he was a Tampa Bay Rays fan.

“I told him to change over to the Red Sox,” Devers said.

Cora made the rounds. He surveyed the team from Italy for their favorite player. “They went from a lot of Jays players to the Yankees to the Orioles,” Cora said. “They’re in tune with everything that’s going on.”

He took a special sense of pride seeing the Puerto Rico team’s jerseys. Following the 2021 Series, a three-year rotation was established between Puerto Rico, Cuba and Panama that would give two teams an automatic berth while having one compete through its regional tournament.

Because of the format change, the Puerto Rican team had its country’s name

across the chest of its jersey for the first time.

“Just to go there and let them know how important it is to represent our country,” said Cora, whose father created the Little League chapter in his hometown decades ago. “It’s actually the first team from back home that had ‘Puerto Rico’ on their chest. It was usually ‘Caribbean.’ And for them to be the first one, I kind of explained to them what it means to us. It was a great experience.”

He hid nothing from them. It might have been easy to tell the kids about the success of winning the World Series in his first season with the Red Sox in 2018. But it was just as important to be honest with them about the suspension he had to serve in 2020.

“Just be real with them and explain that there’s ups and downs in life but you can get up and keep going,” Cora said. “And hopefully they understand that.”

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	74	48	.607	—	—	3-7	W-1	43-20	31-28
Tampa Bay	65	55	.542	8	—	7-3	W-2	38-23	27-32
Toronto	65	55	.542	8	—	5-5	L-1	36-25	29-30
Baltimore	63	58	.521	10 ½	2 ½	5-5	W-1	35-23	28-35
Boston	60	62	.492	14	6	6-4	L-1	29-30	31-32

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	64	56	.533	—	—	6-4	L-1	32-25	32-31
Minnesota	62	57	.521	1 ½	2 ½	5-5	L-2	35-27	27-30
Chicago	62	60	.508	3	4	6-4	L-1	30-31	32-29
Kansas City	50	74	.403	16	17	3-7	W-1	30-34	20-40
Detroit	47	76	.382	18 ½	19 ½	4-6	W-2	28-34	19-42

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	78	45	.634	—	—	6-4	W-1	39-18	39-27
Seattle	66	56	.541	11 ½	—	6-4	L-2	31-26	35-30
Texas	55	66	.455	22	10 ½	4-6	W-2	27-34	28-32
Los Angeles	52	69	.430	25	13 ½	4-6	L-2	26-36	26-33
Oakland	45	77	.369	32 ½	21	4-6	W-2	19-39	26-38

BOX SCORES

KANSAS CITY 6, CHI. WHITE SOX 4

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pollock lf	4	0	0	0	1	.235
Robert cf	5	0	1	0	0	.300
Jimenez dh	5	1	1	0	0	.292
Abreu 1b	3	2	3	0	0	.313
Vaughn rf	4	0	1	1	0	.292
Moncada 3b	3	1	0	0	1	.198
Andrus ss	4	0	2	3	1	.238
Harrison 2b	4	0	2	0	1	.252
Zavala c	2	0	0	0	1	.275
TOTALS	34	4	10	4	5	
Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Melendez lf	2	1	0	1	0	.227
Witt Jr. 3b	4	1	1	0	1	.250
Perez c	4	1	2	1	0	.225
Pasquantino 1b1	1	0	0	0	0	.263
Pratto 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.167
Massey 2b	2	0	1	1	0	.288
Taylor cf	2	1	0	1	2	.263
O'Hearn dh	4	1	2	1	0	.223
Lopez ss	3	0	0	0	1	.236
Waters rf	3	0	0	1	1	.200
TOTALS	27	6	6	7		

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LOB: Chicago 11, Kansas City 8.
2B: Robert (16), Andrus (25).
RBIs: Vaughn (59), Andrus (33), Perez (55), Massey (8), Taylor (31), O'Hearn (11), Waters (1), Melendez (43).
SB: Lopez (12), Witt Jr. (24). **CS:** Lopez (3). **SP:** Melendez.

Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 9 (Zavala 2, Andrus 2, Jimenez 2, Pollock 3); Kansas City 4 (Pasquantino, Witt Jr., Pratto, Taylor).
RISP: Chicago 3for 10; Kansas City 4for 13. **Runners moved up:** Zavala, Witt Jr. **GF:** Chicago 1 (Harrison, Andrus, Abreu); Kansas City 3 (Massey, Pasquantino; Lopez, Massey, Pasquantino; Lopez, Massey, Pratto).

WHITE SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kopech	0	1	4	4	2	0	3.78
Lambert	1	2	0	0	1	1	2.56
Velasquez	3 ⅓	1	0	0	1	1	5.33
Diekman	1	0	0	0	1	2	4.17
Lopez	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	3.19
Graveman	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.66
Kelly, 1-3	⅓	1	2	2	1	0	6.23
Ruiz	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	4.66

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lynch	4 2/3	7	3	3	4	0	4.58
Hernandez	1	1	0	0	1	1	8.62
Coleman, BS, 0-2 1/3	1	1	1	1	2	2	4.81
Garrett, W, 3-1	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.08
Barlow, S, 20-23	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.15
Kopech pitched to 4 batters in the 0th							
Inherited runners-scored: Lambert 3-3, Diekman 1-0, Lopez 1-0, Ruiz 3-1, Hernandez 3-0, Coleman 2-0. HBP: Lynch (Pollock), Kopech (Witt Jr.), Diekman (Massey), Kelly 2 (Massey,Taylor). WP: Graveman. Umpires: HP, Ron Kulpa; 1B, Carlos Torres; 2B, Chris Conroy; 3B, Edwin Moscoso. T: 3:36. A: 8,471 (37,903).							

POST ALL-STAR BREAK TEAM STATS

PITCHING	W	L	ERA	HR	SB	BA
LA Dodgers	24	6	2.45	21	270	.196
NY Mets	21	9	3.52	29	276	.247
Atlanta	19	10	3.47	27	286	.233
Houston	19	13	3.37	26	278	.228
St. Louis	19	7	4.09	22	202	.240
Cleveland	18	12	3.40	26	264	.231
Baltimore	17	12	3.87	36	242	.263
Chi Cubs	17	11	3.03	33	242	.236
Philadelphia 17	12	4.05	27	252	.246	
Chi White Sox 16	13	3.97	29	232	.259	
San Diego	16	14	3.63	30	265	.255
Arizona	15	14	3.65	26	237	.235
Seattle	15	14	4.11	32	252	.247
Toronto	15	12	3.50	31	237	.238
Cincinnati	14	14	4.08	34	239	.257
Milwaukee	14	13	3.70	38	266	.222
Tampa Bay	14	14	3.28	20	235	.236
Texas	14	17	3.76	33	252	.223
Kansas City	13	18	4.28	36	232	.267
LA Angels	13	16	3.57	26	262	.227
Oakland	13	16	4.16	39	201	.249
Boston	12	17	5.76	34	228	.284
Minnesota	12	13	4.06	29	240	.236
San Francisco	12	18	4.49	35	258	.256
Colorado	10	20	5.63	40	208	.286
Detroit	10	21	3.51	22	214	.249
NY Yankees	10	20	4.20	32	252	.232
Washington	10	19	5.26	47	213	.270
Miami	9	21	4.21	28	268	.258
Pittsburgh	8	20	4.75	25	182	.276

BATTING	AVG	R	HR	SB	SO
St. Louis	.284	155	45	13	198
NY Mets	.278	153	33	13	230
LA Dodgers	.277	180	44	20	247
Philadelphia	.270	127	36	25	235
Chi White Sox	.267	103	22	5	225
Atlanta	.263	154	39	16	260
Houston	.263	162	38	19	232
Cleveland	.262	130	23	26	199
Colorado	.262	129	26	10	235
Toronto	.262	136	32	11	202
Baltimore	.257	134	30	16	235
Texas	.251	132	26	20	276
Boston	.249	118	24	3	257
Arizona	.247	132	26	26	201
Cincinnati	.247	119	29	6	267
Washington	.244	97	28	13	235
Chi Cubs	.242	117	38	24	247
San Diego	.241	137	33	8	243
Minnesota	.240	106	27	11	197
Kansas City	.239	108	26	13	230
Oakland	.238	108	34	12	236
Milwaukee	.232	127	43	13	250
Tampa Bay	.232	107	21	10	249
NY Yankees	.225	116	40	12	274
San Francisco	.223	110	30	12	261
Seattle	.220	123	33	17	238
Detroit	.219	104	19	12	300
Pittsburgh	.219	100	21	22	259
Miami	.218	73	19	27	260
LA Angels	.217	96	28	12	261

through Sunday; baseball-reference

ON THIS DATE

AUG. 23
1906: On their way to the American League pennant, the Chicago White Sox beat the Washington Senators 4-1 for their 19th straight victory.
1931: Lefty Grove of the Philadelphia Athletics was beaten 1-0 by Dick Coffman of the St. Louis Browns, snapping a personal 16-game winning streak. A misjudged fly ball by outfielder Jim Moore led to the winning run.
1936: In his first major-league start, 17-year-old Bob Feller struck out 15 Browns as the Cleveland Indians beat St. Louis 4-1. Feller gave up six hits and allowed four walks.
1952: During a game against the Cardinals at the Polo Grounds, the Giants' Bob Elliott complained and kicked dirt around after a called strike. Umpire Augie Donatelli ejected him from the game. Bobby Hoffman finished the at-bat by being called out on strikes and was also ejected by Donatelli for arguing the call.
1982: Seattle pitcher Gaylord Perry was ejected in the seventh inning for allegedly throwing a spitball against the Red Sox. It was the first ejection for Perry, who was subsequently suspended for 10 days.

LATE SUNDAY: L.A. DODGERS 10, MIAMI 3

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wendle 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.257
Berti 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.265
Aguilar dh	3	0	1	0	1	.236
Bleday cf	3	2	1	1	1	.198
B.Anderson rf	4	0	1	0	1	.245
Rojas ss	4	0	0	0	1	.232
Diaz 1b	4	1	2	2	1	.164
Stallings c	3	0	0	0	0	.220
Burdick lf	4	0	1	0	2	.184
TOTALS	32	3	6	3	10	
LA Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Betts rf	5	2	2	1	0	.277
T.Jurner ss	3	2	1	0	0	.305
Freeman 1b	5	1	3	0	1	.324
Smith c	5	1	3	2	1	.274
Muncy 3b	4	1	2	2	0	.190
J.Jurner dh	4	0	1	1	3	.255
Luz 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.295
a-Alberto 2b	1	0	0	0	0	.244
Gallo lf	3	2	2	0	1	.267
b-Thompson lf	1	0	0	0	0	.256
Bellinger cf	4	1	1	2	1	.206
TOTALS	39	10	16	9	10	

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LA Dodgers 121 200 13x — 10 16 0
a-flie out for Lux in the 8th. b-popped out for Gallo in the 8th. **E:** B.Anderson (9). **LOB:** Miami 6, Los Angeles 10.
2B: Diaz (3), Smith (21), Freeman (40), Lux (18). **3B:** Gallo (1), Lux (7). **HR:** Diaz (1), off Peipiot; Bleday (4), off Price; Bellinger (17), off Alcantara; Muncy (16), off Brazabon. **RBIs:** Diaz 2(4), Bleday (5), Smith 3(73), Bellinger 2(52), Muncy 2(47), Betts (62), J.Turner (62).
SB: Wendle (10), Betts (11), J.Turner (3).
Runners left in scoring position: Miami 2(Berti, Burdick); Los Angeles 7(Smith, Thompson 2, Bellinger, Lux, Muncy 2).
RISP: Miami 1for 6; Los Angeles 7for 18.
Runners moved up: Bellinger, Alberto.

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Alcantara, L, 11-63 ⅓	10	6	6	1	5	2	5.19
Bleier	⅓	0	0	0	0	3	3.65
Brazabon	2 ⅔	5	4	4	3	2	3.68
Nardi	⅓	1	0	0	1	0	9.00

LA DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pepiot, W, 2-0	6	4	2	2	2	7	4.02
Vesia	1	1	0	0	1	3	2.70
Price	⅓	0	0	0	1	0	2.48
Kimbrel	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.36
Pitches-Strikes: Alcantara 89-63; Bleier 20-16; Brazabon 60-35; Nardi 18-10; Pepiot 97-59; Vesia 17-10; Price 12-7; Kimbrel 10-5.							
Inherited runners-scored: Bleier 2-0, Nardi 2-2. HBP: Pepiot (Aguilar), Bleier (J.Turner). Umpires: HP, Dan Bellino; 1B, Phil Cuzzi; 2B, Mark Ripberger; 3B, Cory Blaser. Time: 3:18. A: 42,125(56,000).							

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pivetta	5 ⅔	6	2	2	1	9	4.24
Strahm	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	3.38
Barnes, L, 0-4	1	1	1	0	1	2	6.29
Schreiber	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	2.39
Davis	⅓	0	0	0	1	1	5.22

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pivetta	5⅔	6	2	2	1	9	4.24
Strahm	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	3.38
Barnes, L, 0-4	1	1	1	1	0	1	6.29
Schreiber	0	1	2	2	1	0	2.39
Davis	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	5.22
BALTIMORE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kremer	5⅔	5	1	1	2	4	3.45
Tate, BS, 2-3	⅔	1	1	1	0	1	2.48
Perez, W, 1-1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.67
Bautista, S, 8-9	1	1	1	0	0	1	1.73
Schreiber pitched to 3batters in the 8th							
Inherited runners-scored: Strahm 1-0, Schreiber 1-1, Davis 1-0, Tate 1-0							
HBP: Pivetta (Odoor), Schreiber (Hays).							
WP: Barnes. Umpires: Home, Will Little; First, Alfonso Marquez; Second, Todd Tichenor; Third, Mike Estabrook.							
Time: 3:23. A: 2,467 (2,500).							

SCOREBOARD

SOCCEER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	14	4	9	51	51	20
CF Montréal	14	8	4	46	47	41
New York City FC	13	7	6	45	48	38
N.Y. Red Bulls	11	8	41	41	33	
Orlando City	10	10	6	36	30	37
Inter Miami CF	10	10	6	36	34	42
Columbus	8	6	11	35	34	29
New England	8	8	10	34	38	40
Cincinnati	8	8	10	34	43	46
Charlotte FC	10	15	2	32	34	42
Toronto FC	8	13	6	30	40	47
Chicago	8	12	6	30	38	36
Atlanta	7	10	9	30	36	40
D.C. United	6	16	4	22	58	55
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	18	5	3	57	55	26
Austin FC	14	6	6	48	55	36
FC Dallas	11	8	9	42	39	32
Minnesota United	12	9	5	41	42	36
Real Salt Lake	10	8	8	38	34	35
Nashville	9	9	9	36	38	36
LA Galaxy	10	11	4	34	40	37
Vancouver	9	11	7	34	32	46
Seattle	10	13	3	33	35	34
Portland	7	8	12	33	43	44
Colorado	8	10	8	32	37	40
San Jose	6	11	9	30	42	54
Houston	7	14	5	26	32	43
Sporting KC	7	15	5	26	30	49

Three points for win, one point for tie.

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Los Angeles FC at Austin FC, 8p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Houston at Minnesota, 3:30p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7p.m.
Toronto FC at Charlotte FC, 7p.m.
Columbus at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.
CF Montréal at Chicago, 8p.m.
San Jose at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 9p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at Atlanta, 4p.m.
New York City FC at Orlando City, 7:30 p.m.
LA Galaxy at New England, 8p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Miami at Columbus, 7:30p.m.
New York at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
Chicago at New England, 7:30p.m.
Seattle at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
LA Galaxy at Toronto FC, 7:30p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Houston, 8:30p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 8:30p.m.
Portland at Austin FC, 9p.m.
Minnesota at Real Salt Lake, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
New York City FC 2, Chicago 0
Atlanta 2, Columbus 2
Orlando City 2, Charlotte FC 1
Sporting KC 4, Portland 1
Nashville 4, FC Dallas 0

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego	8	5	4	28	24	15
Portland	7	1	7	28	36	15
Houston	8	5	4	28	29	21
Kansas City	7	4	5	26	21	21
OL Reign	6	4	6	24	20	15
Chicago	6	5	5	23	22	22
Angel City	6	5	4	22	16	17
Orlando	5	5	6	21	19	31
Louisville	2	6	8	14	16	22
North Carolina	3	6	4	13	27	26
Gotham FC	4	11	0	12	12	32
Washington	1	6	9	12	16	21

Three points for win, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Portland at North Carolina, 7p.m.

FRIDAY'S MATCH
OL Reign at Orlando, 7p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Chicago at Louisville, 7:30p.m.
Washington at Houston, 8:30p.m.
San Diego at Portland, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Angel City at Gotham FC, 5p.m.
North Carolina at Kansas City, 7p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Arsenal	3	3	0	0	9	2	9
Man City	3	2	1	0	9	3	7
Leeds	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
Tottenham	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
Brighton	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Newcastle	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Fulham	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Brentford	3	1	1	1	8	5	4
Crystal Palace	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Notting. Forest	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Southampton	3	1	1	1	5	7	4
Chelsea	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Aston Villa	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
Man United	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
Bournemouth	3	1	0	2	2	7	3
Liverpool	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
Everton	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Wolverhampton	3	0	1	2	1	3	1
Leicester	3	0	1	2	5	8	1
West Ham	3	0	0	3	0	5	0

MONDAY'S RESULT
Man United 2, Liverpool 1

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Southampton vs. Man United, 7:30a.m.
Brentford vs. Everton, 10a.m.
Brighton vs. Leeds, 10a.m.
Chelsea vs. Leicester, 10a.m.
Liverpool vs. Bournemouth, 10a.m.
Man City vs. Crystal Palace, 10a.m.
Arsenal vs. Fulham, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Aston Villa vs. West Ham, 9a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Newcastle, 9a.m.
Notting. Forest vs. Tottenham, 11:30a.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 30
Fulham vs. Brighton, 2:30p.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Brentford, 2:30p.m.
Southampton vs. Chelsea, 2:45p.m.
Leeds vs. Everton, 3p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31
Bournemouth vs. Wolverhampton, 2:30 p.m.
Arsenal vs. Aston Villa, 2:30p.m.
Man City vs. Notting. Forest, 2:30p.m.
West Ham vs. Tottenham, 2:45p.m.
Liverpool vs. Newcastle, 3p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 1
Leicester vs. Man United, 3p.m.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES
Williamsport, Pa., double elimination
U.S.: GREAT LAKES REGION, Hagerstown, Ind.; **METRO REGION,** Massapequa, N.Y.; **MID-ATLANTIC REGION,** Hollidaysburg, Pa.; **MIDWEST REGION,** Davenport, Iowa; **MOUNTAIN REGION,** Santa Clara, Utah; **NEW ENGLAND REGION,** Middleboro, Mass.; **NORTH-WEST REGION,** Bonney Lake, Wash.; **SOUTHEAST REGION,** Nolensville, Tenn.; **SOUTHWEST REGION,** Pearlland, Texas; **WEST REGION,** Honolulu, Hawaii
INTERNATIONAL: ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, Taipei City, Chinese Taipei; **AUSTRALIA REGION,** Brisbane, Australia; **CANADA REGION,** Vancouver, British Columbia; **CARIBBEAN REGION,** Willemstad, Curacao; **EUROPE-AFRICA REGION,** Bologna, Italy; **JAPAN REGION,** Takarazuka, Japan; **LATIN AMERICA REGION,** Managua, Nicaragua; **MEXICO REGION,** Matamoros, Mexico; **PANAMA REGION,** Aguadulce, Panama; **PUERTO RICO REGION,** Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

MONDAY'S RESULTS
G19: Managua 8, Takarazuka 7
G21: Taipei City vs. Aguadulce, late
G22: Hagerstown vs. Nolensville, late
G23: Vancouver vs. Matamoros, late
G24: Honolulu vs. Pearlland, late

TUESDAY'S GAMES
G25: G21 loser vs. G19 winner, 1 p.m.
G26: G22 loser vs. Hollidaysburg, 3 p.m.
G27: Willemstad vs. G23 loser, 5 p.m.
G28: Davenport vs. G24 loser, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
G17: Willemstad 1, Bologna (Italy) 0
G18: Davenport 10, Santa Clara (Utah) 2

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	69	39
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
Miami	1	1	0	.500	39	39
New England	1	1	0	.500	41	33
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	41	33
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	23	26
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	50	54
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	39	67
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	47	27
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	48	40
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	44	34
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	45	61
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Las Vegas	3	0	0	1.000	68	44
Denver	1	1	0	.500	32	49
Kansas City	1	1	0	.500	38	33
L.A. Chargers	0	2	0	.000	40	61

NATIONAL CONFERENCE EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	0	0	1.000	48	43
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	39	35
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	42	44
Washington	0	2	0	.000	35	47
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	27	23
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	33	41
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	23	37
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	27	39
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	46	25
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	50	53
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	41	38
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	27	43
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	45	28
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	53	47
L.A. Rams	1	1	0	.500	49	46
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	36	59

WEEK 2 MONDAY'S RESULT
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, late
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 21, Cleveland 20
N.Y. Giants 25, Cincinnati 22
Baltimore 24, Arizona 17

WEEK 3 THURSDAY'S GAMES
Green Bay at Kansas City, 8p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 8:15p.m.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Buffalo at Carolina, 7p.m.
L.A. Chargers at New Orleans, 8p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 8p.m.
New England at Las Vegas, 8:15p.m.
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 3p.m.
L.A. Rams at Cincinnati, 6p.m.
Arizona at Tennessee, 7p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7p.m.
Washington at Baltimore, 7p.m.
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, 7:30p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9p.m.
SUNDAY'S GAMES
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 1p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 4:30p.m.

WNBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-3; x-if necessary)
#1 Las Vegas 2, #8 Phoenix 0
Aug. 17: at Las Vegas 79-63.
Aug. 20: at Las Vegas 117-80.

#2 Chicago 1, #7 New York 1
Aug. 17: New York 98-91.
Aug. 20: at Chicago 100-62
Tuesday: at New York, 9 p.m.

#3 Connecticut 1, #6 Dallas 1
Aug. 18: Connecticut 93-68.
Aug. 21: Dallas 89-79.
Wednesday: at Dallas, 9 p.m.

#4 Seattle 2, #5 Washington 0
Aug. 18: Seattle 86-83.
Aug. 21: Seattle 97-84

SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-5)
#1 Las Vegas vs. #4 Seattle
Sunday: at Las Vegas, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 31: at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 4: at Seattle, 3 p.m.

Chicago/New York winner vs. Connecticut/Dallas winner

WNBA FINALS
Semifinal winners (best-of-5), TBD

ODDS

MLB NATIONAL LEAGUE FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
St. Louis	-164	at Cubs (G1)	+138
at Philadelphia-225	Cincinnati	+188	
Atlanta	-270	at Pittsburgh	+220
at Chi Cubs	off	St. Louis (G2)	off
at LA Dodgers	-164	Milwaukee	+138
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Chi. White Sox	-162	at Baltimore	+136
at Boston	off	Toronto	off
at Tampa Bay	-184	LA Angels	+154
at Houston	off	Minnesota	off
INTERLEAGUE			
at NY Yankees	off	NY Mets	off
San Francisco	-220	at Detroit	+184
Arizona	-124	at Kansas City	+106
at Colorado	-132	Texas	+112
at San Diego	-174	Cleveland	+146
Miami	-154	at Oakland	+130
at Seattle	-260	Washington	+215

WNBA PLAYOFFS ODDS TO WIN WNBA FINALS
Las Vegas 20-23 Chicago 4-1
Connecticut 17-4 Seattle 5-1
Dallas 35-1 New York 50-1
For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES GO BOWLING AT THE GLEN
Sunday at Watkins Glen International
Watkins Glen, N.Y. Lap: 2.45 miles
FN ST DRIVER M LAP PT

1	2	Kyle Larson	C	90	43
2	6	AJ Allmendinger	C	90	0.
3	20	Joey Logano	F	90	49.
4	1	Chase Elliott	C	90	40.
9	9	Daniel Suárez	C	90	40.
6	3	Michael McDowell	F	90	42.
7	5	Tyler Reddick	C	90	39.
8	38	Christopher Bell	T	90	30.
9	7	Chris Buescher	F	90	32.
10	31	Erik Jones	C	90	27.
11	29	Cole Custer	F	90	28.
12	24	Kevin Harvick	F	90	25.
13	8	Austin Cindric	F	90	24.
14	11	Alex Bowman	C	90	23.
15	21	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	C	90	22.
16	28	Ty Dillon	C	90	31.
17	12	Austin Dillon	C	90	20.
18	13	Justin Haley	C	90	19.
19	15	Brad Keselowski	F	90	18.
20	22	Denny Hamlin	T	90	17.
21	18	Ross Chastain	C	90	22.
22	4	William Byron	C	90	15.
23	25	Martin Truex Jr	F	90	14.
24	26	Ryan Blaney	T	90	13.
25	14	Chase Briscoe	F	90	22.
26	16	Ty Gibbs	T	90	0.
27	32	Cory Lajoie	C	90	10.
28	30	Harrison Burton	F	90	9.
29	35	Aric Almirola	F	90	8.
30	33	Mike Rockenfeller	C	90	7.
31	17	Joey Hand	F	90	11.
32	10	Kyle Busch	T	89	16.
33	34	Loris Hezemans	F	89	0.
34	39	Cody Ware	F	88	3.
35	23	Bobby Wallace	T	83	-2
36	36	Daniil Kyvat	T	58	1.
37	27	Kimi Raikkonen	C	44	-1
38	19	Todd Gilliland	F	28	-8
39	37	Kyle Tilley	F	15	-g

a-accident; g-garage; s-suspension;
C-Chevrolet, F-Ford, T-Toyota

RACE STATISTICS
Winner's average speed: 95.958 mph.
Time: 2 hours, 17 minutes, 52 seconds.
Margin of Victory: .882 seconds.
Caution Flags: 5 for 11 laps.
Lead Changes: 12 among 9 drivers.
Lap Leaders: C.Elliott 0-3; M.McDowell 4-11; T.Reddick 12-13; C.Elliott 14-15; C.Briscoe 16-22; T.Gilliland 23-27; J.Lo-gano 28-42; M.McDowell 43-48; C.Elliott 49-58; C.Custer 59-65; A.Dillon 66-71; C.Elliott 72-85; K.Larson 86-90

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAMS FIRST TEAM OFFENSE
QB: Bryce Young, Jr., Alabama
RB: Bijan Robinson, Jr., Texas
RB: TreVeyon Henderson, so., Ohio State.
OT: Peter Skoronski, Jr., Northwestern
OT: Paris Johnson Jr., Jr., Ohio State.
OG: Andrew Vorhees, 6th-year, USC
OG: Caleb Chandler, 6th-year, Louisville.
C: Jarrett Patterson, sr., Notre Dame.
TE: Brock Bowers, so., Georgia.
WR: Jordan Addison, Jr., USC
WR: Jaxon Smith-Njigba, Jr., Ohio State
WR: Kayshon Boutte, Jr., LSU.
AP: Deuce Vaughn, Jr., Kansas State.
PK: Jake Moody, sr., Michigan.
FIRST TEAM DEFENSE
EDGE: Will McDonald IV, sr., Iowa State
EDGE: Isaiah Foskey, sr., Notre Dame.
DL: Bryan Bresee, Jr., Clemson
DL: Jalen Carter, Jr., Georgia.
LB: Will Anderson Jr., Jr., Alabama
LB: Noah Sewell, Jr., Oregon
LB: Jack Campbell, sr., Iowa.
CB: Kelee Ringo, so., Georgia
CB: Eli Ricks, Jr., Alabama.

SPORTS

CIAC

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from CIAC public schools as well as a sports management expert, two parents of CIAC athletes and Lungarini, who can be on the task force or designate someone. Members of the task force will be appointed by the legislature and can be members of the General Assembly.

Fasano was vocal in his criticism of the organization, which governs high school sports and has come under fire in the past due to a policy that doesn't allow coaches to work with athletes out of season, transgender policies and canceling the football season in 2020 in response to the pandemic, among other issues.

"We control the teachers, the curriculum, the buses, but we have nothing to say about athletics, and

we should take a look at it to determine how it's going," Fasano said. "I think people decided it is about time we take a look at some of these things. I wasn't all that involved in it. I heard about it. I weighed in on it with those I knew were talking about it. I think it's a great thing to do.

"Athletics are huge. A lot of parents look at them as a way to get their kids scholarships. And when it's controlled by something that's totally unregulated to the point of which I would argue brings some serious question on how the rules work, I think the legislature should look at it, check it out and if they're comfortable, leave it alone and if they're not comfortable, change it."

Joe Aresimowicz, the former speaker of the House and current Berlin football coach, said issues with the CIAC have been brewing over time, but he disagreed with forming a task force.

"It was all the one-off gripes that came together — at the right or wrong time, depending on how you look at it — and they thought, 'This is our opportunity. Can we move forward with it?'" said Aresimowicz, now a lobbyist with Gaffney, Bennet and Associates. "They beat the drum of all their one-offs, talked about the structure, and it reached the level of, 'Fine, we'll do something.'"

Others like Sanchez thought the CIAC was doing a good job but that improvements could be made.

"I do have that concern about not having enough people of color and making it more diverse," Sanchez said. "And I also had the concern that other senators and representatives had in regards to their schools having some type of voice."

Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R-105th District), an athletic trainer at Lauralton Hall School in Milford, introduced a bill mandat-

ing neck guards for all youth ice hockey players after a player from St. Luke's in Greenwich died during a game when another player collided with him and cut his neck (it was uncertain whether or not the player who died was wearing a neck guard). The CIAC requires neck guards for players at schools under its jurisdiction, but St. Luke's is a prep school and does not fall under the CIAC's rules.

"I said, 'Listen, my goal as an athletic trainer is always the athletes' safety.' It morphed into, 'Let's make it a task force so we can study it.' Then it morphed into — not from me — other legislators that wanted to do a study on everything CIAC," Klarides-Ditria said. "Personally, I think CIAC is doing a great job and specifically Glenn Lungarini. Before Glenn, the CIAC wasn't transparent. I don't know who specifically wanted to study the CIAC, but that's where

we ended up."

Rep. Tom O'Dea (R-125th District) said he didn't have any involvement in the legislation but that he had tried to put together a task force to study the CIAC in 2017.

"When Glenn came in, we met and he understood my position, so I did not push that legislation to have a task force done because I thought Glenn was doing a good job in trying to get it done," O'Dea said. "My issues with the CIAC preexisted Glenn. That said, I do think we should always do better. I found out a little more about the task force after the bill came out.

"It's something that should be looked into, but the question then becomes, what kind of oversight? You don't want to have it politicized, which I don't think it is now."

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Coach Bill Belichick says he talks with former Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman regularly but left it to Edelman to talk about any potential comeback. **AP FILE**

PATRIOTS NOTES

Belichick talks to Edelman 'regularly' but mum on a possible comeback

By Karen Guregian

Boston Herald

Julian Edelman made news last week when he hinted at a possible return to the NFL during an appearance on the "Rich Eisen Show."

Well, if that's happening, it's news to Bill Belichick.

During his appearance on WEEI's "The Greg Hill Show" Monday morning, the Patriots head coach was asked about Edelman's remarks, and if he still communicated with his former leading receiver.

"I talk to Julian — I talk to him fairly regularly," Belichick said. "I don't know about him talking to Rich Eisen and all that. You'd have to ask Julian about that. I don't know."

Belichick didn't exactly throw cold water on the notion. He just dodged the question.

During the Eisen' interview, Edelman, now 36, said he missed football and was asked if the Patriots or Buccaneers came calling, would he consider coming out of retirement?

"I'll tell you right now, if I had three weeks, three maybe four weeks — start of the season, absolutely not," Edelman said. "But if there's a team vying for a playoff run, guy goes down, could I get ready? I probably could. ... You

can never say never."

Stay tuned.

Belichick makes final call: Belichick also told Hill he's not too concerned with the frenzy over not officially naming an offensive coordinator or acknowledging a play-caller.

And even though Matt Patricia has been calling plays in the preseason, Belichick once again described the process as being a collaborative effort. In the end, though, the buck stops with him.

"We have jobs to do. Our staff works well together. There are a lot of people that are involved in all three phases of the game. Ultimately, I'm responsible for all of it," he said. "If you want to ask who's in charge, that would be me. I have the final say in every area. That's the way it's been, and I don't really see that changing."

Belichick said that no matter who's calling the plays, there's always been a running dialogue between the coaches.

"I'm not going to take anything away from Charlie (Weis) or Josh (McDaniels) or Billy O'Brien or anybody. That's not the point," he said, referring to past offensive coordinators. "No matter who the play-caller is in any area, offense, defense or special teams, there are other people who are a part of that."

Belichick then explained how former offensive line coach Dante Scarnecchia also had input in the running game and protections, while the receiver coaches have input on the routes called based on coverages.

Ultimately, the coaches huddle with the quarterback after each series and go over the calls.

"When you see the coaches and players working on the sideline, that's what we're doing. We're preparing to call the next series of plays and ultimately somebody will make the call," said Belichick. "As I said, I would have the final say on that. If there's something I didn't want to call, we wouldn't call it. If there's something I did want to call, we would call it."

Belichick says he gets input from all the coaches, be it Nick Caley (tight ends), Troy Brown and Ross Douglas (receivers), Vinnie Sunseri (running backs) or Joe Judge.

"The communication of the offensive and defensive staffs is critical to any process, and ultimately who calls the plays," he said. "I'm not minimizing that. I'm not saying that, but there's a process. A lot of times the play-caller makes plays based on the recommendations or information he's received from other people on the staff. It's a collaborative effort."

GIANTS

First-round pick sprains right knee in exhibition

By Tom Canavan

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Giants rookie edge rusher Kayvon Thibodeaux sprained the MCL in his right knee in Sunday night's exhibition victory over the defending AFC champion Cincinnati Bengals.

Coach Brian Daboll said Monday the No. 5 overall pick in the draft was day to day. It's too early to say whether Thibodeaux will be ready for the season opener on Sept. 11 in Tennessee against the Titans.

Daboll also got bad news on fellow rookie linebacker Darrian Beavers, the team's sixth-round pick. Beavers tore the ACL in his left knee in the third quarter of the 25-22 win Sunday night at MetLife Stadium and he will not play this season.

Veteran kicker Graham Gano sustained a concussion attempting to make a tackle on a 73-yard kickoff return by Chris Evans in the second quarter. Daboll said the Giants may have to bring in a kicker to handle the workload this week rather than rely on punter Jamie Gillan, who handled all the kicking duties in the second half. He made a 31-yard field goal out of the hold of safety Julian Love and had three of his four kickoffs go for touchbacks.

Thibodeaux, with his size, speed and strength, quickly moved into the starting line in coordinator Wink Martindale's defense as a bookend edge rusher with Azeeez Ojulari. Veterans Jihad Ward, Oshane Ximines and free agent North Carolina rookie Tomon Fox will be given opportunities to replace him.

"KT been doing everything we asked him to do since he's been here, being a good teammate, and he's worked extremely hard," Daboll said. "So certainly, you never want to miss time, but he has the right attitude, the right approach. He'll rehab as hard as he can and be ready to go when he's ready to go."

As for the game, Davis Webb and Alex Bachman put on a late show to rally the Giants to victory. After



Trainers lift Giants rookie Kayvon Thibodeaux off the ground after he injured his right knee in the first half of Sunday's exhibition victory against the Bengals. **SARAH STIER/GETTY**

Cincinnati took a 22-18 lead on a 3-yard touchdown run by Jacques Patrick with 3:05 to play, Webb drove the Giants 75 yards in nine plays capped by a 15-yard touchdown pass to Alex Bachman with 35 seconds to play to win it.

Webb and Bachman hooked up on a 22-yard TD pass earlier in the fourth quarter to put the Giants ahead 18-16. Webb, the Giants' third quarterback behind Daniel Jones and Tyrod Taylor, finished 22 of 27 for 204 yards.

Bachman, whose parents flew in from Southern California for the game, had his best day as a Giant, with 11 catches for 122 yards.

Jashaun Corbin had scored on 2-yard run on the last series led by Jones, who was 14 of 16 for 116 yards. Webb then rallied New York with three drives. The first ended with a 31-yard field goal by Gillan followed by the TD passes to Bachman.

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came with the contest out of reach in the fourth quarter, however. Through three quarters of play Sunday, Connecticut had only forced its opponent into four turnovers, which led to just four points on the other end.

"We couldn't find disruption," Sun head coach and general manager Curt Miller said. "So then there's so much pressure to get stops. And therefore we're not getting out in transition off the turnovers. And then you rely so much on your defense to complete possessions, to get them to miss. And it didn't happen.

"So again, credit, they really did a nice job taking care of the ball. And while we figured some things out, it's hard in the flow of the game to accomplish everything you want to accomplish."

Meanwhile, Dallas took advantage of Connecticut's mistakes. The Wings scored 20 points off of 12 Sun turnovers.

2. The slow start was costly

The Sun allowed the Wings to set the tone for the afternoon with a 7-0 scoring run out of the gate.

Connecticut missed its first six shots from the field. Players up and down the roster weren't able to get shots to go in that normally would fall throughout the quarter.

By the end of the period the Sun were in a 22-7 hole. Though they would keep things nearly even in the second quarter (24-23 Wings) and have a huge edge in the fourth

(32-13 Sun), it ultimately cost them that they had their lowest-scoring output in a quarter all season to open the game.

"It's tough when you put yourself in a hole in the first quarter," Brionna Jones said. "I think we've just got to be better coming out from the jump. ... If somebody throws a punch, we have to throw one right back."

It will be crucial for Connecticut to do so in Game 3 if it wants to make its fourth consecutive WNBA semifinals appearance.

3. Dallas lineup change paid dividends

Wings head coach Vickie Johnson made a change in her starting lineup that would end up making a big difference in the game. Teaira McCowan (6 feet 7) had started at center in every contest for Dallas dating back to July 22, but on Sunday she came off the bench and Isabelle Harrison (6-3) got the nod down low.

In Game 1, McCowan started the game guarding Jonquel Jones, a much different style player than her in terms of mobility and versatility, and struggled. The Sun center was able to get hot early, scoring seven of the first 14 points for the team. McCowan also looked uncomfortable when she was asked to guard Alyssa Thomas at times.

The move put Harrison on Jonquel Jones early in Game 2 to keep her out of rhythm out of the gate. It also allowed Kayla Thornton and Satou Sabally to be the main defenders on Thomas. But perhaps most importantly, the lineup switch also meant that



Sun coach Curt Miller had no answer when Dallas brought 6-foot-7 center Teaira McCowan off the bench, throwing off the matchups. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

McCowan and Brionna Jones subbed in off the bench at the same time throughout the afternoon. That paid off for Dallas, especially on the boards.

"That was the real focus behind everything in changing out the lineup and stuff," Johnson said postgame. "[McCowan] would have to match B. Jones. She's the person that can do it. And they went head to head the whole night."

Miller seemed frustrated by the sudden lineup switch when asked about it after the game. It'll be interesting to see how he and his coaching staff plan to strategically counter in Game 3.

4. The Wings owned the boards

The Sun have been dominant on the boards all season, but the

Wings had the edge in that regard in Game 2, especially on the offensive end.

Dallas grabbed 13 offensive rebounds, which is tied for the most Connecticut has allowed any opponent this season. That led to 23 second-chance points for the Wings, which is the most the Sun have given up all year.

Jonquel Jones and Brionna Jones combined for seven offensive rebounds as the Sun grabbed 10 total, but that was no match for McCowan's eight grabs on the offensive glass.

"They got us into rotations, you know, to that second level essentially," Jonquel Jones said. "And once they started rotating, they had guards that weren't necessarily matched up to the person crashing the boards and getting in the paint and getting rebounds. And then McCowan is so big to move that you've got to do your work early,

and once she gets in that position the most you can do is just try to tip it out.

"So just got to be a little more proactive in doing our work early and understanding that you might not necessarily be boxing the person out that you're guarding, but you have to put a body on somebody."

5. The Sun lacked production from starting guards

The Sun didn't get much scoring production from their starters in general on Sunday — Jonquel Jones was the only one to reach double-figures with 20 points — but the output from the two starting guards was especially lacking.

Courtney Williams and Natissha Hiedeman combined for five points on 2 of 12 shooting from the field and 1 of 7 shooting from 3-point range. They also contributed four rebounds and four assists while turning the ball over four times.

"Courtney's an elite scorer," Miller said. "She missed some wide-open shots early that could those have go in, then the whole game flips in those first few minutes and Courtney was hitting open 3s. I believe Natissha's one of the best shooters in the league, and if we get her open shots she's going to make them. So we've got to step to the plate."

Sunday just seemed to be an off shooting night for the pair, which was also the case for most of the Sun starters. If they're back playing like their usual selves in Game 3, that will provide a huge boost for Connecticut.

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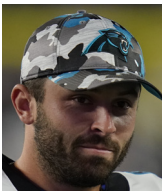
Recovering Zverev to miss US Open



Alexander Zverev, the 2020 U.S. Open runner-up, will miss the tournament this year while recovering from surgery on his right ankle. Zverev tore ligaments in the ankle during his semifinal match against Rafael Nadal at the French Open in June, and the No. 2-ranked player withdrew from the

U.S. Open on Monday. The 25-year-old German was on the verge of his first Grand Slam title two years ago in Flushing Meadows before Dominic Thiem rallied to beat him in a fifth-set tiebreaker. It was the first time a man overcame a 2-0 deficit in the final of the event since Pancho Gonzalez did it against Ted Schroeder in 1949. Zverev won the Olympic gold medal in Tokyo last year and then returned to the U.S. Open semifinals, losing to Novak Djokovic in five sets. American Stefan Kozlov moved into the main draw for the tournament. Main draw play begins next Monday. Reilly Opelka, who won two titles earlier this year, also withdrew Monday because of injury. He reached the fourth round of the U.S. Open last year. Fellow American Jack Sock took his place in the main draw.

Panthers' QB vs. Browns: Mayfield



Baker Mayfield will start the Panthers' Sept. 11 regular-season opener against his former team, the Browns. Panthers coach Matt Rhule made the announcement on the team's website Monday. Mayfield, acquired in a trade with the Browns earlier this offseason, beat out incumbent starter Sam Darnold for the

job. The news was expected as Mayfield had outperformed Darnold during most of training camp. "When we started this process, we were looking at three things," Rhule said. "Number one, mastery of the offense, number two, situational football excellence, and number three, moving the ball and getting guys involved. That's been our focus all along. Baker has made a lot of improvement, a lot of growth in all three areas in a short amount of time." The Browns moved on from Mayfield, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2018 draft, after acquiring Deshaun Watson in a trade with the Texans. Watson will not play in the opener after being suspended by the NFL for the first 11 games for violating the league's personal conduct policy, so it will be Mayfield against Jacoby Brissett.

Protest precedes Man United win



Finally, there are signs of life at Manchester United. Against a backdrop of protests against the club's ownership, United delivered a performance of intensity and spirit to beat fierce rival Liverpool 2-1 on Monday and claim its first points in the Premier League this season. Composed finishes

by Jadon Sancho in the 16th minute and Marcus Rashford in the 53rd earned a victory at Old Trafford that will bring some respite for under-pressure and first-season manager Erik ten Hag, above, who made a huge statement in his team selection by dropping star striker Cristiano Ronaldo and club captain Harry Maguire and was validated. The match was preceded by a protest by thousands of United fans angry at the direction and state of the club under its owners of 17 years, the Glazer family. The supporters called for the U.S.-based Glazers, who also own the NFL's Buccaneers, to sell the club as they walked to Old Trafford then gathered on the concourse outside the storied stadium, in front of a large police presence. Many lingered as the match began. —Associated Press



All-Pro WR Davante Adams signed a record-setting \$140 million deal after he was traded from the Packers to the Raiders. NICK CAMMETT/GETTY

NFL

Contracts come with a catch

Pressure on top-paid WRs to quickly show they're worth it

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Davante Adams, Tyreek Hill, A.J. Brown, Super Bowl MVP Cooper Kupp and even Christian Kirk are among the wide receivers who reset the market for just how well the NFL pays the best at that position this year.

Now comes the tough part: Proving they're worth all those millions.

Hard work piling up lots of catches, yards and touchdowns and helping their teams win matters most.

Nobody knows that better than these receivers whose bank accounts now are bulging.

Adams, who talked for years about being the NFL's highest-paid receiver, can't wait to show he deserves the record-setting \$140 million deal the Raiders gave him.

"For me, I attack it," Adams said. "I'm in the business of maximizing everything I do, so I'm definitely looking forward to, like I said, leaving my footprint, doing everything I can to hopefully allow this team to win a lot of games."

Adams' production certainly shows he's worth the Raiders giving him a five-year deal.

Over the last four seasons with Aaron Rodgers and the Packers, Adams led the NFL with the most catches (432), yards receiving (5,310) and touchdown receptions (47).

Adams, 29, was a first-team All-Pro in both 2020 and 2021.

49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said the only other option to writing a very large check is drafting a player, which is certainly cheaper.

The risk is what scouts and coaches saw on tape of a player in college doesn't always translate to the NFL.

"The guys that usually you can count on are the guys who have done it at this level, and that's why you have to pay for it," Shanahan said. "And you have to hope the character and what they're made of and what really drives them will continue to get what they put on tape."

That's why the pay scale for NFL wide receivers skyrocketed this year with teams signing eight to contracts worth at least \$72 million each and three of those reached \$100 million or more. Adams set the new standard with Hill and Brown all getting deals worth at least \$100 million.

Hill topped the guaranteed money Adams got after Adams was traded by the Packers to the Raiders.

The Dolphins guaranteed the Cheeta \$72.2 million after being traded by the Chiefs for an NFL-high \$30 million average per year.

Hill is coming off a season where he caught 111 passes for 1,239 yards and nine touchdowns.

He's trying to be a veteran leader for the Dolphins by embracing being called out by first-year coach Mike McDaniel for any mistakes.

"If Coach is calling out like, the fifth, sixth receiver who's barely getting reps, he's going to feel some type of way," Hill said. "But if he's able to call me out and then call that guy out again, that guy is going to be like, 'OK, he's calling out 'Reek' so I need to pick up my (game).'"

Stefon Diggs just missed the \$100 million receiver club with his \$96 million contract keeping him in Buffalo. The exploding receiver market didn't help the Bills, who knew Diggs deserved a new deal even with two years left on his original contract.

And Diggs insists the money only motivates him more.

"I want to prove that I'm one of the best receivers in the league," Diggs said. "I'm a part of one of the best teams in the league and I'm chasing."

"I'm back chasing again. I love to chase, though because you have something to work for or look forward to each and every day."

These deals rewriting the receiver market make Kenny Golladay's \$21.1 million salary cap hit look like a good value for the Giants, though his 2021 production with just 37 catches for 521 yards and no touchdowns shows the gamble teams are taking.

The NFL has 14 wide receivers averaging \$20 million this season, while the Seahawks' D.K. Metcalf gets \$31 million in cash this season.

Metcalf joined Kupp and others with three-year deals that could get them another big payday.

The 24-year-old Metcalf, a Pro Bowler in 2020, plans to work more on being a leader now that he's secure with his contract, and Seahawks coach Pete Carroll is thrilled to have someone he calls a star on the rise signed through 2025.

"This young man is a cutting-edge performer in all ways, the way he applies himself, his expectations, the way he's willing to work, and there is nothing that he's not willing to do to get to the best of his abilities and potential," Carroll said. "But it's not just about football, and it's not just about sports. It's about how he attacks everything that he's going for."

Exactly what the Seahawks — and others — are paying big money to see.

AP writers Josh Dubow, John Wawrow, Dan Gelston and Tim Booth contributed to this report.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Cincinnati's follow-up act has its hurdles

By Mitch Stacy
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The cupboard wasn't left completely bare, but Luke Fickell had some major restocking to do.

The sixth-year Cincinnati coach is tasked with following up a historic 2021 season that saw the Bearcats become the first team outside a Power Five conference to crack the College Football Playoff.

The dream season ended with a 27-6 loss to Alabama in a semifinal, and then Cincinnati (13-1) watched a school-record nine players get selected in the NFL draft, led by cornerback Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner, taken fourth overall by the Jets.

After losing the core of his best players, the pressure is on Fickell to show that the No. 23 Bearcats are built to last, especially as they prepare to make the leap from the middling American Athletic Conference to the Big 12 in 2023.

"Going into camp, it is definitely different," Fickell said. "Not that you're not battling every year and there are competitions in all different things. But this is a year where there's definitely more of an edge. Definitely some unique battles, and it's not just at the quarterback position."

There's definitely a sense of urgency for Cincinnati leading up to the season opener Sept. 3 at No. 19 Arkansas.

"Camp is different knowing that those guys maybe haven't played as many snaps, and you're going to be walking into Fayetteville, Arkansas, and need to be playing your best," Fickell said. "There's definitely a different feel and will be a different feel, I think, for our entire camp."

Looking for QB1?

The highest-profile battle will be at quarterback as Fickell tries to replace flashy four-year starter Desmond Ridder. It has created an unusual situation made possible by the transfer portal.

Sophomore Evan Prater, who threw just 11 passes in mop-up duty last year, is competing against Ben Bryant, who spent three years at Cincinnati before escaping Ridder's long shadow and transferring to Eastern Michigan last season.

With Ridder gone, Bryant jumped back to the Bearcats as a fifth-year player, and he's probably got the edge just by virtue of experience. He passed for more than 3,000 yards and 13 TDs for a Mid-American Conference squad that finished 7-6 last season.

Jobs for the taking

Another competition playing out in camp is to replace 1,300-yard running back Jerome Ford. The returning candidates are senior Ryan Montgomery, who's been a top-notch punt returner for the Bearcats for three years, and senior Charles McClelland, who has had some bad luck with injuries.

A wild card in the mix is Corey Kiner, the 2020 Ohio Mr. Football winner who transferred home to Cincinnati after one season at LSU, where his 324 yards made him the team's second-leading rusher.

Reliable line

Cincinnati has an enviable situation on the offensive line, with all five of last year's starters returning. The stout front helped the Bearcats average 37 points per game last season. Center Jake Renfro, guard Lorenz Metz and tackle Dylan O'Quinn all were 2021 first-team All-AAC selections.

The games

After opening on the road against Arkansas, Cincinnati will play FCS squad Kennesaw State in the home opener and host Indiana in non-conference play. Then comes a slog through an AAC schedule one last time. The regular-season slate doesn't include No. 24 Houston.

BUSINESS

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Ford to slash 3,000 jobs in new push to cut costs

Michigan-based automaker making transition from combustion autos to EVs

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — About 3,000 white-collar workers at Ford Motor Co. will lose their jobs as the company cuts costs to help make the long transition from internal combustion vehicles to those powered by batteries. Leaders of the Dearborn, Michigan, automaker made the announcement Monday in a companywide email, saying that 2,000 full-time salaried workers would be dismissed along with another 1,000 contract workers. The cuts represent about 6% of the 31,000 full-time salaried work force in the U.S. and Canada. Ford's 56,000 union factory workers are not affected. Some workers also will lose jobs in India. The job losses come at a time of unprecedented change in the auto industry that for more than 100 years has made a living by selling petroleum-powered vehicles. Governments across the globe are pushing to eliminate combustion automobiles to mitigate the impact of climate change.

As a result, automobile companies such as Ford are orchestrating the wind-down of their combustion businesses over multiple years, even though they are still generating the cash to fund electric vehicle development. Ford has said it plans for half of its global production to be electric vehicles by 2030. Executive Chairman Bill Ford and CEO Jim Farley said in the email to employees that Ford will provide severance benefits and significant help for the workers to find new jobs. They wrote that Ford has a chance to lead in the new era of connected and electric vehicles. "Building on this future requires changing and reshaping virtually all aspects of the way we have operated for more than a century," the email said. "It means redeploying resources and addressing our cost structure, which is uncompetitive versus traditional and new companies." Farley and Ford wrote that the company examined each team's shifting work to decide where cuts would be made. The company determined that its cost struc-

ture wasn't competitive with General Motors, Stellantis and Tesla. Ford has said previously that it has a target of cutting \$3 billion in annual internal combustion vehicle structural costs by 2026. "We are eliminating work, as well as reorganizing and simplifying functions throughout the business," they wrote in the email. Farley has said repeatedly that the company's global work force of 182,000 is too large, and it needs to trim costs and simplify processes so it can move faster as it transitions to electric vehicles. The company already has restructured in Europe, Asia and India. The cuts may not be over. Company spokesman T.R. Reid said Ford will continue to change with the industry and more job losses are possible. He said it's common for companies to continually add people where they need them and trim where fewer jobs are needed. "With the fast pace of this industry, we're going to manage the business smartly for these rapidly evolving priorities," he said.

Regal owner Cineworld may file for bankruptcy

Associated Press

LONDON — Cineworld Group PLC, one of the world's largest movie theater chains, said Monday that it is considering filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the U.S. and similar actions elsewhere. The British company, which owns Regal Cinemas in the United States and operates in 10 countries, said bankruptcy is one option it is weighing as it aims to rebound from COVID-19 restrictions. Cineworld said it's holding talks with major stakeholders such as lenders and that it expects operations to run normally following any filing with "no significant impact upon its employees." Cineworld has about 28,000 workers, according to the company's website. Company shares tumbled 58% Friday after The Wall Street Journal reported that the company was preparing to file for bankruptcy within weeks. Cineworld, which has 9,189 screens across 751 sites, said Monday that it's open for business and is evaluating its options to boost cash flow and potentially restructure. In March, the company said COVID-19 closures in the first part of last year took a toll, reporting a \$565.8 million loss after taxes and debt of \$4.8 million. It also took a hit from terminating its 2020 takeover of Canadian movie theater company Cineplex Inc. A court in Ontario agreed with Cineplex that Cineworld breached its obligations and awarded \$947.5 million in damages. Cineworld has appealed. Despite the hurdles, Cineworld has said pent-up demand to see movies on the big screen helped its bottom line at the end of last year. It also expected blockbusters such as "Top Gun: Maverick" and "Jurassic World: Dominion" to help it "continue to rebound strongly."

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Cyprus gas field boosts EU hopes

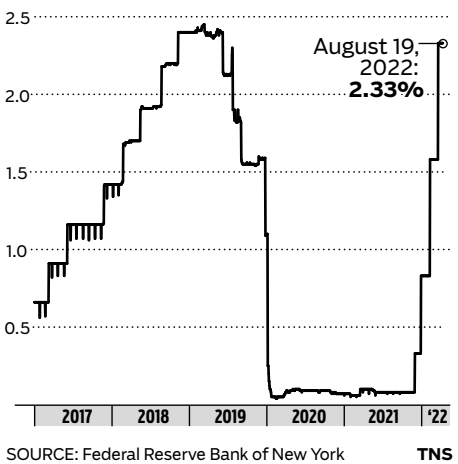
NICOSIA, Cyprus — A new natural gas discovery off Cyprus' southern coast that is estimated to contain around 2.5 trillion cubic feet of the hydrocarbon bolsters the European Union's efforts to secure alternative energy sources, the Cypriot energy ministry said Monday, as a supply crisis triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to trouble the continent. The ministry said the discovery by partners Eni of Italy and France's Total was made at the Cronos-1 well 100 miles off the coast in 7,500 feet of water inside Cyprus' exclusive economic zone and is the second deposit that the Eni-Total consortium has discovered there. The Cronos discovery brings the number of deposits found off Cyprus to four.

Buffett may hike Occidental stake

OMAHA, Neb. — Warren Buffett's company has received clearance to boost its 20% stake in Occidental Petroleum to as much as 50%, but it's not immediately clear whether it will consider buying the entire company. Shares of the of the oil producer soared nearly 12% Friday after the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission revealed that it had approved Berkshire's request to buy up to 50% of the Houston company. Buffett didn't respond to questions about Occidental on Monday. Berkshire's Occidental purchases and a \$20 billion investment in Chevron shares early this year allowed Buffett to capitalize on the surge in oil prices after Russia invaded Ukraine.

Effective federal funds rate

Daily interest rate at which banks lend each other reserve funds



Airlines are barred from buying back their own shares as a condition of federal pandemic aid, but that ends Sept. 30. JULIA NIKHINSON/AP

Grounding stock buybacks

Unions pressure major US airlines to focus on hiring workers and fixing problems

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — Labor unions are pressuring U.S. airlines not to buy back their own stock but instead spend the money on hiring more workers and fixing problems that caused widespread flight delays and cancellations this summer. The unions said the four largest U.S. airlines spent over \$39 billion on stock buybacks from 2014 through 2019. The airlines are barred from buying back their own shares as a condition of \$54 billion in federal pandemic aid, but that prohibition ends after Sept. 30. Union officials worry that buybacks will come back now that most U.S. airlines have returned to profitability after huge losses in 2020 and 2021. The unions, which represent pilots, flight attendants, mechanics, baggage handlers and other workers, launched a campaign and petition drive that portrays buyouts as a giveaway to Wall Street and a tool for airline

executives to boost their own stock-based compensation. Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants, blamed "greed that ran rampant before COVID" with leaving airlines understaffed. The unions asked airlines to pledge to forgo buybacks until airlines fix their "operational meltdowns" and reach new labor contracts. A union representative said last week that none of the major airlines — American, Delta, United and Southwest — immediately agreed to the pledge. American CFO Derek Kerr said recently that buybacks are not on the table. "All of our excess liquidity will go to pay off debt," he said. United said it isn't currently seeking buybacks. "Our highest financial priorities right now are restoring our balance sheet and investing in our employees and customers," a spokeswoman said. Asked about share repurchases last month, Delta CEO Ed Bastian did not answer directly, but he said the airline has a responsibility to customers, employees, "and importantly to our owners." A Delta spokesman said last week that the company has raised base pay 4% and made prof-

it-sharing payments to employees. A Southwest spokesman said the airline has not announced any buyback plans. Airlines could be tempted to repurchase stock because shares might appear cheap. The Arca index of airline stocks is down 21% this year and 41% since the start of 2020. Most U.S. airlines reported second-quarter profits and revenue is up on strong ticket sales. Corporations view buybacks as a way to reward shareholders by reducing the number of shares and making the remaining ones more valuable. Investors often prefer them over dividends, which are treated as income and taxed at up to 37%. If buybacks boost a stock's value, investors who hold the shares long enough pay a lower capital-gains tax on the profit when they sell — no more than 20%. Charles Tharp, a Boston University management professor, said raising employee pay and buying back stock are separate decisions. When companies approve buybacks, "it does look like I'm choosing to serve shareholders instead of employees," he said, "but that assumes you would give the raise to employees if you didn't buy back shares, which probably isn't the case."

Germany floats causes of fish die-off in river

By Frank Jordans
Associated Press

BERLIN — Several substances seem to have contributed to the massive fish die-off in the Oder River that forms much of Germany's border with Poland, a German official said Monday. Numerous theories have been floated about the cause of the environmental disaster, but none have been conclusive, a spokesman for Germany's Environment Ministry said. He rejected suggestions from a senior Polish official that Germany was spreading "fake news" about pesticides being behind the environmental disaster. "The search for the causes of the fish die-off in the Oder still haven't been

completed," said Andreas Kuebler, the ministry spokesman. "So far we have several organic and inorganic substances that could be responsible. "It seems to be a cocktail of chemicals," he told reporters in Berlin. "According to our information so far, none of these substances alone led to the fish die-off. It must still be assumed that this could be a multicausal incident." Kuebler said a type of algae that normally grows in brackish water and produces a substance toxic to fish may also have played a role in the disaster. Recent lab results showed a sharp growth of *Prymnesium parvum* in the Oder that could only have resulted from increased salt levels caused by an "industrial discharge,"

he said. Dead fish in the Oder were first noticed by fishermen in southwestern Poland in late July, but German authorities said they weren't officially notified by their Polish counterparts until the second week of August. Poland's government is trying to track down those responsible. More than 10 tons of dead fish have been removed from the river. Warsaw lashed out over the weekend, with Environment Minister Anna Moskwa accusing Germany of spreading "fake news" about the levels of pesticides in the river. "In Poland, the substance is tested and detected below the quantification threshold, that is, it has no effect on fish and other species," she wrote on Twitter.

BUSINESS



A new Stars Coffee shop occupies a former Starbucks location in Moscow. The Seattle-based U.S. coffee giant exited Russia in response to the war in Ukraine. **DMITRY SEREBRYAKOV/AP**

Nearly identical replacement for Starbucks opens in Russia

By Jim Heintz
Associated Press

MOSCOW — People in Moscow who were disappointed when Starbucks closed its coffee shops after Russia sent troops into Ukraine may now feel a caffeine jolt of hope: A nearly identical operation is opening in the capital.

The name's almost the same: Stars Coffee. The logo could be the separated-at-birth twin of the Starbucks mermaid, with flowing hair, a small enigmatic smile and a star atop her head — though instead of a Starbucks crown she wears a Russian headdress called a kokoshnik.

The menu, judging by the company app introduced a day before the store's formal opening Friday, would look familiar to any Starbucks customer.

Starbucks said it had no comment on the new stores.

Seattle-based Starbucks was one of the most visible of the wave of foreign companies that pulled out of Russia or suspended their operations in response to Russia's military operation

in Ukraine. Others include McDonald's, IKEA and fast-fashion giant H&M.

The departure of these companies was a psychological blow to Russians who had become used to the comforts of Western-style consumer culture. But Russian entrepreneurs saw opportunity in suddenly unoccupied stores.

Former McDonald's outlets are reopening and attracting sizable crowds under the name Vkusno — i Tochka. Though the name doesn't roll off the tongue easily and is a little awkward to translate (roughly: It's Tasty — Period), the menu is a testament to imitation being the sincerest form of flattery.

Yunus Yusupov, a popular rap artist who uses the stage name Timati, and restaurateur Anton Pinsky partnered to buy the Starbucks assets, then took the imitation strategy a step further by giving the operation an English-language name.

At a news conference Thursday, they vowed to reopen all the former Starbucks under their new identity and even expand the

business. The U.S. company had built its Russian operation to about 130 stores since entering the country in 2007. The stores were owned and operated by a franchisee, Alshaya Group of Kuwait.

While the close resemblance of the new operations to their predecessors could be seen as riding someone else's inspiration and effort, the Starbucks and McDonald's successors also fit a national-pride concept. Since Russia was walloped by sanctions and foreign pullouts, officials frequently assert that Russia will overcome by relying on its own resources and energies.

"Now the economic situation is difficult, but this is a time of opportunity," Oleg Eskindarov, president of the holding company that partnered in the Starbucks deal, told the state news agency Tass. "For the past four months, we have been very actively looking at exiting companies following the example of Starbucks. There are several more similar examples, but we cannot talk about them yet."

As drought shrinks Yangtze, China's industry also withers

By Mark Schiefelbein
Associated Press

CHONGQING, China — Ships crept down the middle of the Yangtze after China's driest summer in six decades left one of the mightiest rivers barely half its normal width and set off a scramble to contain the damage to a weak economy in a politically sensitive year.

Factories in Sichuan province and the adjacent metropolis of Chongqing were ordered to shut down Friday after reservoirs that supply hydropower fell to half their normal levels and demand for air conditioning surged.

River ferries in Chongqing usually packed with sightseers were tied to piers beside mudflats that stretched as much as 50 yards from the normal shoreline to the depleted river's edge. Only smaller ships sailed down the middle of the Yangtze, one of China's biggest trade channels.

Normally bustling streets were empty after temperatures hit 113 in Chongqing on Thursday. State media said that day was the hottest in China outside the desert region of Xinjiang in the northwest since official records began in 1961.

The disruption adds to challenges for the ruling Communist Party, which is trying to shore up sagging economic growth before a meeting in October or November when President Xi Jinping is expected to try to award himself a third five-year term.

The world's second-largest economy grew by just 2.5% over a year earlier in the first half of 2022, less than half the official target of 5.5%.

The drought's impact in Sichuan is unusually severe because the province gets 80% of its power from



Swimmers get ready Friday for a dip in the depleted Yangtze River in Chongqing, China. An unusually dry summer has the river at barely half its normal width. **MARK SCHIEFELBEIN/AP**

hydroelectric dams.

Thousands of factories that make processor chips, solar panels and auto components in Sichuan and Chongqing shut down last week for at least six days. Some announced no supply disruptions, but the Shanghai city government said in a letter Thursday that Tesla Ltd. and a major Chinese automaker were forced to suspend production.

The city government of Chengdu, the Sichuan provincial capital, told households to conserve power by setting air conditioning no lower than 80 degrees.

The Yangtze basin, covering parts of 19 provinces, produces 45% of China's economic output, according to the World Bank.

Low water levels in rivers also forced halts to cargo shipments.

A canal that connects Wuhan on the Yangtze with the city of Anqing to the northeast was closed because it was too shallow for vessels to move safely, the Shanghai news outlet The Paper reported.

The national impact of shutdowns is limited because Sichuan accounts for only 4% of industrial production, while other provinces use more coal-fired power, which hasn't been disrupted. The government says China's

two main state-owned power companies, State Grid Ltd. and Southern Grid Ltd., are moving power from 15 provinces to Sichuan.

China suffered similar disruptions last year when a dry summer caused hydro-power shortages and shut down factories in Guangdong province, a global manufacturing hub. Other regions suffered blackouts due to coal shortages and mandatory power cuts to meet energy efficiency targets.

This year is unlikely to be so severe, according to Larry Hu of Macquarie Group.

"If the power rationing in Sichuan only lasts a few weeks, the impact on the industrial production at the national level should be very limited," Hu said in a report.

Xuguang Electronics Co. in Chengdu said the six-day shutdown would reduce its output by 48,000 electronic circuits. The company said it expected to take a \$600,000 hit to its annual profit.

BOE Technology Group Co., which makes electronic displays, said a Sichuan subsidiary would suspend production. BOE promised in a statement through the Shenzhen Stock Exchange to "fully guarantee delivery of customers' products."

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Not acting her age

Diane Keaton who portrays inner 70-year-old of influencer in ‘Mack & Rita,’ loved film’s physical comedy

By Peter Larsen | The Orange County Register

Diane Keaton starts to laugh when it’s suggested that one of the very stylish hats she wears in her new movie “Mack & Rita” looks an awful lot like one displayed in a video tour of her hat collection two years ago.

“Oh, that’s terrible!” Keaton says, laughing harder, of the video she made for Instagram while stuck at home during the pandemic.

So, had she given the film’s producers a headpiece from her collection?

“Yes, of course, I’d loan them out,” she jokes. “Get a little cash. It didn’t hurt.

“No, no, I didn’t.”

It’s a perfect Keaton moment, funny and charming in equal measure, and the same can be said for “Mack & Rita,” in which Keaton gets to play Rita, the inner 70-year-old of 30-year-old influencer Mack, who comes to life in the movie

magic seen in movies such as “Big” or “Freaky Friday.”

Mack (Elizabeth Lail) is in Palm Springs, California, for a bachelorette weekend for best friend Carla (Taylour Paige), and though she loves Carla dearly, she’d much rather just get out of her uncomfortable stilettos and have a nice little rest.

When she spies a tent in a parking lot offer past-life regressions, she takes her chance, lying down in the fake shaman’s busted tanning

bed as he guides her to express her deepest desires.

Which turn out to be a 70-year-old woman. Which means that when the tanning bed opens, out steps Keaton, a 70-year-old version of Mack, who until she can figure out how to reverse the swap, pretends to be Mack’s visiting Aunt Rita.

“It’s unusual,” Keaton says of her attraction to the screenplay and the role. “These characters were all wonderful, and I liked this very much.”

As Aunt Rita takes over Mack’s social media accounts, she stumbles onto even greater success as an influencer after an attempt to cover for Mack at the opening of a Pilates studio first goes off the rails, and then goes viral.

“That’s the kind of thing that I love,” Keaton says of the physical

comedy involved in what’s more or a less her losing battle with the Pilates machine. “Just being an idiot, falling over.

“You know, I liked playing all of that,” she says. “I would like to have a movie where I get to do more of that. Just being a mess, falling into sandpits, and never know where you’re going, and being wrong.

“I’d love that. Those little bits were fun for me. Really fun.”

The screenplay for “Mack & Rita” enchanted director Katie Aselton when she read it, but she admits that wasn’t the top reason she signed onto the project.

“If I’m completely honest I would have to say the number one draw was Diane Keaton, who was already attached to star and

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Rainbow aims to transcend politics in videos

Driven by desire to entertain, he has raised musical parody to political-satire art form

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

If Randy Rainbow is adored by the legendary Carol Burnett, and he is, what flimsy excuse could TV academy voters have to deny him an Emmy for his fourth nomination?

Rainbow, who has raised musical parody to a political-satire art form, is again David facing Goliath. His competition in the short-form series category includes shows from James Corden, Stephen Colbert and Seth Meyers.

Corden’s “Carpool Karaoke: The Series” has nabbed the award the past three years. Does Rainbow see the British actor-comedian as his chief nemesis?

“‘Nemesis’ is a strong word,” Rainbow replied, waiting a perfectly timed beat: “Enemy,”

he said, tongue-in-cheek. “No, I’m a big James Corden fan, so it’s been an honor to share the category with him. They could throw it to the little guy every once in a while.”

It’s true that the self-described little guy doesn’t have a network or its resources to draw on. But his YouTube videos — typically merciless, fearless and peppy roasts of politicians and policies — have racked up more than a half-billion views, and he has amassed 3 million-plus social media followers.

“He’s a genius,” Burnett said of Rainbow. “His lyrics are right up there with Stephen Sondheim. ... In fact, Steve said he’s one of the best lyricists around today. I mean, that’s a quote from Sondheim, and that’s from the master himself.”

The late Sondheim said just that. John Legend and Lin-Man-

uel Miranda are among Rainbow’s many other prominent admirers.

His latest Emmy nomination is for “Gay,” which takes on Florida’s GOP governor and the new law he championed that bans lessons on sexual orientation and gender identity in kindergarten through third grade. The award will be presented Sept. 3 as part of the creative arts Emmy ceremony that precedes the Sept. 12 main awards show.

“It’s my send-up, tribute I guess you could call it, to Ron DeSantis and his ‘Don’t Say Gay’ bill,” Rainbow said, using the title bestowed by its critics. “That video obviously has a lot of meaning, and I was very proud that it made such an impact. It was nice to be recognized for that one.”

But it’s the desire to entertain, not punditry, that drives his career, he said.

“I didn’t get into this because



Randy Rainbow earned an Emmy nomination in the short-form variety series category. RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION 2019

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NOW PLAYING

Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online

‘BEAST’: I squared up with “Beast” in full-on beast mode, meaning: pad, pen, popcorn and proportional expectations. Expectations somewhat exceeded! Turns out “Beast” is a fairly good, pretty brutal, dumb-smart survival thriller made with a clear, even reductive sense of purpose. After the passing of his beloved but estranged wife, New York-based doctor Nate (Idris Elba) has brought his daughters played by Iyana Halley and Leah Jeffries to South Africa for a safari, and a visit to their mother’s ancestral African village. The family is hosted by Nate’s old friend (Sharlto Copley), who takes an intensely personal interest in fighting the illegal poachers going after the lions and other animals native to the savanna. The prologue depicts the nocturnal slaughter of an entire pride, with the exception of the bloodied and now vengeful rogue lion bent on teaching his enemies, the humans, a lesson. This is poor timing for Nate and his girls, though you know how these movies go: What’s bad for short-term survival odds is generally favorable for long-term family healing. 1:33. 2 ½ stars. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*



Leah Jeffries, clockwise from left, Idris Elba and Iyana Halley in “Beast.” UNIVERSAL PICTURES

‘BULLET TRAIN’: In “Bullet Train,” Brad Pitt plays a lovable-loser assassin (code name: Ladybug) bent on self-improvement. He’s an easygoing sweetie, in the spirit of John Cusack’s gun-for-hire in “Grosse Pointe Blank,” to name one film you may wish you were rewatching instead of watching this one. This one’s well made in its chosen attack. It’s fun for a while. And then, not so much. An adaptation of the 2010 Kotaro Isaka novel, one of his popular “Hitmen” series, “Bullet Train” has been cast, deftly, with actors ready to play. Even Pitt, never much in the verbal-facility or quick-time dialogue department, loosens up and finds an effective sweet spot at the intersection of unkillable tough guy and exasperated bad-luck charm. For an Americanized version of Japanese source material (well, internationalized, in terms of casting, but heavy on the Anglos), director David Leitch makes sound business sense behind the camera. 2:06. 2 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

‘DC LEAGUE OF SUPER-PETS’: The DC Comics Cinematic Universe has mostly taken a dark, gritty approach to block-

buster comic book movies. But perhaps there’s another way to explore the world of the Justice League that’s a bit more warm, cuddly and friendly. That’s the thesis presented by the animated movie “DC League of Super-Pets,” which combines several elements that have already proven successful to create a family friendly access point to the worlds of Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman and their gang of superheroes. The voice cast is packed with favorite comedy actors, including Kate McKinnon, Vanessa Bayer, Natasha Lyonne, Jemaine Clement, John Early and Marc Maron. But most importantly, it teams Dwayne Johnson and Kevin Hart in the lead roles of Krypto the Super-Dog and Ace, a rescue mutt. Johnson and Hart have had quite the success in their odd couple pairing in films such as “Central Intelligence” and “Jumanji,” and “DC League of Super-Pets” relies on their lively banter to sell the enemies-to-friends story at the center of the film. 1:46. 2 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

‘IMMACULATE ROOM’: A \$5 million cash prize to spend 50 days in an empty room — how

hard could that be? This is the question posed by writer/director Mukunda Michael Dewil in the high-concept intimate drama “The Immaculate Room,” starring Emile Hirsch and Kate Bosworth. Michael (Hirsch) and Kate (Bosworth) enter the room with high hopes. If they finish out the 50 days, they can split the \$5 million. If one of them leaves, the prize drops to \$1 million. Their sustenance is a carton of mysterious liquid, “not exactly Shake Shack.” If they ask for a “treat” to alleviate the monotony, hundreds of thousands of dollars are shaved off the pot. Michael is chaos and Kate is control. He runs laps, she meditates. He climbs the walls and she repeats affirmations. He is the id and she is the ego. How many days are left? Hours? Minutes? Will they emerge victorious, or even intact? Available via video on demand. 1:32. 2 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

‘MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU’: I could not possibly begin to explain just how these hot dog-shaped, banana-hued, gibberish-speaking overlords came to infiltrate our culture at every level. The grasp these inexplicable animated crea-

tures hold on cinema is insidious, and they continue their reign of terror in their latest cinematic dispatch, “Minions: The Rise of Gru.” They’ve overthrown their masters in the “Despicable Me” franchise, wrestling top billing away for themselves. “The Rise of Gru” is just another “Despicable Me” movie, a supervillain origin story for beaky-nosed, scarf-wearing, evil aspirant Gru (Steve Carell). 1:27. 1 star. — *Katie Walsh*

‘NOPE’: In “Nope,” writer/director Jordan Peele presents us with a big, shiny summer blockbuster — a cowboys and aliens riff built from the DNA of sci-fi spectacles of yore — and then proceeds to vivisect the very notion of a summer blockbuster before our eyes. He wants us to question the nature of image-making, and he starts at the beginning of film history, with photographer Eadweard Muybridge. In 1878, Muybridge crafted the first known example of the “moving pictures”: a two-second clip called “The Horse in Motion,” made up of sequential photographs of a jockey riding a race horse. That the jockey on the horse — the first person featured in the movies — is Black, and

unknown, is the starting point for Peele’s exploration of seeing and the seen in “Nope,” which interrogates the power of images, who gets to create them, and who gets the credit. These are complex questions, but Peele has wrapped them up in an incredibly original, and entertaining, piece of sci-fi filmmaking that is both unlike, and like, anything you’ve ever seen before. 2:10. 3 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh*

‘SPIN ME ROUND’: Director Jeff Baena reunites his regular repertory players for “Spin Me Round,” another droll ensemble comedy that becomes an opportunity for genre experimentation and a trip to Italy, like his 2017 nunsploitation riff “The Little Hours.” “Spin Me Round” is co-written with his leading lady, Alison Brie, with whom he also wrote the 2020 film “Horse Girl.” “Spin Me Round” pays homage to, and lightly parodies, ’70s European erotic thrillers — it’s an indie comedy that flirts with the idea of being a giallo film, but doesn’t quite go all the way. 1:44. Available via video on demand and streaming on AMC+. 2 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

‘THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER’: This is co-writer and director Taika Waititi’s aggressively nutty follow-up to “Thor: Ragnarok” (2017). That film zapped up Thor’s corner of the Marvel Cinematic Universe enough to justify more of the same. “Love and Thunder” establishes in the prologue the latest threat to intergalactic extinction: an ordinary soul on a planet far, far away, played by Christian Bale, wandering with his daughter in the desert. He suffers a grievous loss and then transforms into Gorr, the God Butcher, hellbent on wiping out those privileged paragons who, in this outing, forsake mere mortals left, right and center. Chris Hemsworth’s Thor is learning, uneasily, to be a more progressive and empathic specimen of godly hunk, a team player instead of a solo act. The storyline concerns, among other things, the children of New Asgard, swept up and kidnapped by Gorr. Their rescue leads the A-team straight to the enemy. 2:05. 2 ½ stars. — *Michael Phillips*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

Keaton

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produce,” says Aselton, who as an actor has starred in both independent films, often with her husband Mark Duplass and brother-in-law Jay Duplass, and TV series such as “The League” and “Legion.” “That was beyond a dream come true,” she says. “And then beyond that, honestly, the story, the message, the heart of this movie really resonated with me. “As a woman on my own journey to self-love and self-acceptance, it felt like a real honest look wrapped up in a big body-switching comedy, and I had never done anything like that before. It felt like a real swing that I was ready to take.”

Mack is 30 when she experiences her existential crisis. For Keaton, who turned 30 in 1976, it was the age at which she filmed her Oscar-winning role as the title character in “Annie Hall.” “I would say I was anxious, a little anxious about life,” she says of her 30th year, which came after well-regarded roles in the first two films in “The Godfather” saga, but before “Annie Hall” sent her career skyrocketing. “Of course, I was very, you know, happy to have that opportunity to be in that role, which I really enjoyed.



Diane Keaton in a scene from “Mack & Rita.” GRAVITAS

“But before that, you know, it was just trying to get moving and being,” Keaton says. “You know, I’d been in ‘Hair’ (the 1968 original Broadway production) and all those things. “And finally, (‘Annie Hall’) happened, and that was so extraordinarily wonderful for me,” she says. “I loved it. That movie was great.” Aselton sees “Mack & Rita” as a movie about figuring out who

you are, and being true to oneself. Keaton says for her that’s been a goal at which she has been more or less successful at different points of her life. “I think it came in and out in certain phases,” she says. “I don’t think it was always consistent, you know? So sometimes it was like, ‘Oh, no, I can’t,’ or ‘Yes,’ and I’ll apply myself better and be more, you know, in tune with what’s needed.

“It’s true for most of us, though,” Keaton says. “It isn’t always just like this wonderful path, and it all went smoothly, just great.” Keaton is aware that the younger actors on the set looked up to her for all the acclaimed work she has done in her career. “Yeah, the elder stateswoman or whatever you want to call it,” she says, laughing as she adds, “Or just the elder woman.

“No, it couldn’t have been more fun for me, and they were really into their roles and were fantastic. It was smooth sailing — I know that’s not interesting, but it was smooth sailing, which is pleasant.” Aselton says Keaton also put her at ease, a challenge given how much she adores her. “Someone very early on was like, ‘Oh my God, you’re directing Diane Keaton,’ like dream come true,” Aselton says. “And I was like, ‘Yeah, no, I never dreamt that big. Like never even thought to dream that big.’ “And that’s not me selling myself short, that’s just being very realistic,” she says. Once work began, though, all those jitters vanished. “The great thing about Diane is that she is fun,” Aselton says. “And she loves to give people the business. Like she’s just a goof. She’ll be like, ‘Oh come on, boss, come on.’ And then she’d be, ‘Can we fire her?’ “I think I got fired a couple of times, but then I also fired her, which was a fun give and take. “But she’s delightful,” Aselton says. “Everything that we know of Diane as audiences, that we’ve loved over the years, is exactly what we get. She’s so easy to talk to and grounded and interested. “She’s just like quintessentially Diane Keaton, and she’s exactly, exactly what we would hope she would be.”

Rainbow

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of an interest in politics. I’m certainly more interested in politics now than I was when I started doing YouTube videos 11 years ago,” he said, attributing the shift to his own maturity and the times. “But I try to stay true to my initial intent, which is only to be amusing and bring a little levity to these situations which are otherwise anything but light,” he said. “I think that that’s the reason that it continues to resonate with people and why people still get a kick out of my stuff.” The escapism of make-believe is what helped sustain Rainbow — his real family name — as a shy and bullied youngster, along with the unstinting love of his mother, Gwen, and the grandmother he called Nanny. The three of them

shared a passion for music, and Rainbow credits Nanny’s caustic humor as another key influence. When he hit adolescence, Gwen Rainbow accepted without hesitation that her son was gay. In his touching and lively new memoir, “Playing With Myself,” Rainbow recalls his mom’s reassurance that she “loved her gay friends.” “I certainly didn’t remember ever meeting them,” Rainbow writes. “I mean, I’m gay five minutes and suddenly my mother’s Liza Minnelli at Studio 54?” His musician-father was “reasonably tolerant,” Rainbow says in the book. But Gerry Rainbow dismissed Randy’s early artistic efforts, telling him he’d never earn a living “wearing wigs and making silly videos.” So much for predictions, with Rainbow’s YouTube success just the start. He’s on the road with

his national “The Pink Glasses Tour,” named for a favorite accessory (and a song he co-wrote with composer Alan Menken). His latest album, “A Little Brains, a Little Talent,” includes duets with Bernadette Peters and Patti LuPone, Broadway stars he had long admired from afar. Rainbow still runs a lean video operation. The studio is in his two-bedroom New York City apartment, “where all the magic happens,” he said during a recent interview. A producer, arranger and musicians tailor songs to Rainbow’s specifications. He writes the lyrics often usually set to the Broadway tunes he reveres. In the guise of a TV reporter, he conducts mock interviews with clips of his targets before launching into a bespoke song. He’s lead vocalist, his own backup singers in a dazzling array of costumes, and he does the editing.

He knows how to sell a song. Rainbow’s supple voice adapts easily to every tune, and his boyishly handsome face becomes a veritable flipbook of vivid expressions that slide from faux sincerity to skepticism to wide-eyed alarm. The source material Rainbow draws on is equally varied. “Gurl, You’re a Karen,” which mocks Republican Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene and Lauren Boebert, is set to the tune of “Dentist,” sung by Steve Martin in the 1986 film “Little Shop of Horrors.” “Gay” is set to “Shy,” a song Burnett performed when she made her Tony-nominated Broadway debut in the 1959 musical “Once Upon a Mattress.” In his first viral political video, Rainbow inserted himself as moderator of the 2016 Donald Trump-Hillary Clinton presidential debate and did a “Mary Poppins” riff on Trump’s

use of the impromptu word “braggadocious.” “He’s super callous, fragile, egocentric braggadocious. Likes to throw big words around and hopes that we all notice. If he keeps repeating them they might just make him POTUS,” belted out Rainbow. The biting lyrics and brassy on-screen persona aside, Rainbow is “funny and loving, and there’s just this kind of sweetness to him,” said Burnett, a friend as well as a fan. “You just fall in love with him.” Burnett said she shares his political perspective, but Rainbow has learned from meeting fans that they aren’t all in sync. Some have bluntly informed him they dislike his views but love his videos. “In a way, what I’m trying to do is transcend the politics of it all. So that’s always nice to hear,” he said.

CELEBRITIES

Spears to release first song in 6 years

From news services

Britney Spears’ first release since she was released from a 13-year legal arrangement that placed her father as her conservator is about to hit the digital streaming universe — and she’ll be joined by none other than Sir Elton John.

On Friday, the British singer announced on Instagram that the duo’s highly anticipated duet will drop Aug. 26.

“Hold Me Closer,” John’s post simply says.

The soon-to-be-released duet will be a new take on John’s 1971 classic “Tiny Dancer” — and it will also be Spears’ first official new release in nearly six years.

Her last album, “Glory,” was released in August 2016. The second and last single from that album — “Slumber Party” — came out a few months later, on Nov. 26, when it reached the top of the U.S. Dance Club Songs charts.

That ended up being Spears’ last official release, though her label, RCA Records, unveiled three previously unreleased tracks in late 2020, as the #FreeBritney movement started to gain momentum.

Lopez, Affleck celebrate marriage: Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck said “I do” again over the weekend.

But instead of in a late night Las Vegas drive-thru chapel, this time it was in front of friends and family in Georgia, a person close to the couple who was not authorized to speak publicly said Sunday.

According to People Magazine, the wedding was held at Affleck’s home outside of Savannah, Georgia, with all of their kids present for the proceedings on Saturday. The celebrity couple were officially married last month in Las Vegas, which Lopez shared with fans in her “On the J Lo” newsletter.

Representatives for the couple did not immediately respond to request for comment Sunday.



Britney Spears, above, and Elton John will release a duet of “Tiny Dancer” on Aug. 26. JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION 2019

Solange to compose for NYC Ballet: Solange Knowles is pulling up a seat to the table for the New York City Ballet’s annual fall fashion gala.

Recently, the prestigious dance company announced that it had commissioned a ballet score for the event created by the Grammy-winning musician, who goes by Solange. According to NBC News, the “A Seat at the Table” artist has made history as the first Black woman to compose music for the New York City Ballet.

A “very excited” Solange also shared the news Tuesday on Twitter.

Set to the “Cranes in the Sky” hitmaker’s score and choreographed by Gianna Reisen, the ballet production will debut Sept. 28 at the David H. Koch Theater.

‘It’s a Wonderful Life’ actor dies: Virginia Patton Moss, who appeared in more than a dozen films during the 1940s including the Christmas classic “It’s a Wonderful Life,” has died at age 97. A cause of death was not released for Patton Moss, who played Ruth Dakin, the wife of Todd Karns’ Harry Bailey, in “It’s a Wonderful Life.” Patton Moss was the 1946 movie’s last living adult cast member, according to Variety.

Aug. 23 birthdays: Actor Barbara Eden is 91. Satirist Mark Russell is 90. Actor Richard Sanders is 82. Actor Shelley Long is 73. Singer Rick Springfield is 73. Actor Skipp Sudduth is 66. Guitarist Dean DeLeo is 61. Actor Jay Mohr is 52. Singer Julian Casablancas is 44. Musician Sky Blu is 36. Actor Kimberly Matula is 34.

TV Q&A

Did series reach its ‘Endgame’?

By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service

Q: There was a show called “The Endgame” on NBC this past year. The ending left you longing for more. Will it be back?

A: Sorry to dash your hopes, but NBC decided not to continue the series starring Ryan Michelle Bathe and Morena Baccarin. Ratings were disappointing for the network. While its fans have called for a second season, so far I have seen no indication that will happen.

Q: Is Paddy Considine of “House of the Dragon” a member of the talented Considine family with Tim of “My Three Sons” and Disney films, and John, from the soap “Another World”?

A: No. Considine, part of the “Game of Thrones” prequel “House of the Dragon,” was born in England and began his acting career overseas. I have found no connection to the folks you mentioned. Tim Considine, who passed away in March, was born in California, and after acting became known as “a sports and automobile photographer, writer and author,” The New York Times noted. He was the younger brother of John Considine, known not only for “Another World” but an array of other screen roles. And there were other famous family ties. For one, the journalist Bob Considine was Tim and John’s uncle.

Q: I’m a huge fan of “In the Dark” on the CW. The writing and acting are awesome. Please tell me it’s coming back for more seasons.

A: Again, I must disappoint. The current, fourth season of the series will be its last. Starring Perry Mattfeld as a very complicated blind woman, the



Morena Baccarin, left, and Ryan Michelle Bathe in “The Endgame,” which NBC did not renew. ERIC LIEBOWITZ/NBC

show is expected to have its finale on Sept. 5. Series creator Corinne Kingsbury told TVLine.com that “we actually hadn’t gotten picked up as we were writing the end of the season, and we knew there was a possibility we wouldn’t get a season five, so we wrote and shot two endings — one with a cliffhanger, and one that wraps up our series in a satisfying way.”

Q: I have watched on the internet what seem to be previews for a sequel to “Call Me by Your Name.” Has a sequel actually been filmed?

A: No. Fan-made trailers for films that they would like to see are fairly common, and that may be what you saw. There was talk about making a sequel to the award-winning film starring Timothee Chalamet. But last year, in a chat with Deadline.com, “Call Me” director Luca Guadagnino “made it sound doubtful. The whole thing has gotten complicated. Chalamet will be busy making blockbuster like ‘Dune’ sequels and playing the young Willy Wonka, and co-star Armie Hammer has been dropped from numerous projects over troubling off-camera allegations. But

the fact is that Guadagnino himself is busy moving forward on his own films.” The director has reteamed with Chalamet and “Call Me” co-star Michael Stuhlbarg for “Bones and All,” a movie arriving later this year.

Q: When my sister and I were about 6 or 7 years old, we watched a show called “Sky King.” I was wondering if there are any reruns out there.

A: Kirby Grant was Schuyler “Sky” King, a rancher who with his plane the Songbird battled bad guys; he had help from his niece Penny (Gloria Winters), nephew Clipper (Ron Hagerthy) and others. At first on radio with a different cast, the TV show aired on NBC, ABC and CBS in the 1950s and 1960s. Reruns can be found on the streaming services FMC (Free Movie Classics) and Tubi, as well as YouTube. There have also been DVD releases, including through www.skyking.com.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited.



ASK AMY

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Widower tries to win over new love’s child

Dear Amy: I lost my wife to cancer over 10 years ago. I was devastated. Later that same year, I met the new love of my life, “Laura.”

Two years ago, I moved in with Laura and her adopted daughter “Maura.” It took Maura a few years to warm up to me even a little bit.

Now that the three of us live together, she is at least tolerant of me, but I am frustrated that she won’t let me be any closer.

Laura and I are semi-retired, and Maura is an adult (40s), and only works when she feels like it, which is fine by me.

When the three of us are together, Maura will engage with me, but whenever I am alone in the house with her, she avoids me entirely. I have gone to great lengths to gain her trust and to let her be her own person, but I am saddened that she only interacts with me as if to please her mother.

Her mother has questioned Maura to see if there is anything she finds upsetting about me, but she won’t answer.

Laura adopted Maura at a very young age and raised her as a single parent.

She didn’t know her birth parents, so Laura is the only parent she has ever known. It’s just so hard for me to understand.

Maura can seem so aloof. Why won’t she let me in?

— Saddened

Dear Saddened: The way I read your narrative, “Maura” was raised by a single mother, has always lived with her mother and has no other family — and possibly few personal connections

outside of the household. Now, approaching her own middle age, her mother brings in someone new.

This is bound to create uncertainty for her. Your presence reminds her of her own vulnerability. She may not understand that there is an advantage for her to form an independent friendship with you.

If she behaves well toward you for her mother’s sake, I’d say — it’s a start. You should behave kindly and consistently toward her. You could attempt to communicate an awareness that your presence presented a huge life change for her and that you appreciate her efforts to make room for you.

You and “Laura” could also create some inclusive “family” rituals: Game night, movie night or joining a club together could provide some more common ground.

Also, respect her privacy. If she is an introvert who values being alone — then respect her need for quiet.

It is also possible that she just doesn’t like you. If so, accept her politeness.

Dear Amy: My best friend and I have been in political agreement for 30 years. However, he has started watching a politically biased broadcast and has fallen into a rabbit hole.

I enjoy his company, and we have agreed to disagree. We discuss our differences in healthy conversations, but I find myself obsessing over his conversion.

How do I stop obsessing? I know some couples that have opposing views. How do they do it?

— Stop Obsessing

Dear Stop: Couples who

manage to have peaceful relationships even with opposing political views do this by recognizing every citizen’s right to think what they want to think, express their views peacefully and to change their minds if they want to.

However, there are rabbit holes, and there are rabid rabbit holes.

If your pal is obsessed with some conspiracy-fueled nonsense that is overtaking his conversation and relationship with you, then you might want to reevaluate the relationship.

However, in this regard, you are the one with the obsession. Your friend might be rethinking the relationship with you.

Dear Amy: I was touched by the letter from “Grace,” the veterinarian whose own pet dog died, but had clients respond that she “should be used to it.”

We often forget that veterinarians and health care workers are human, too.

I’d like to suggest that Grace frame and hang a picture of herself and her pet in her office’s reception area with wording such as “We at XYZ office love our furry and feathered clients, and remember our own we’ve lost.” It would be a wonderful tribute and reminder to visitors that staff also feel losses.

— Pet Parent

Dear Pet Parent: I love this idea. Many readers reached out to express their condolences to “Grace.”

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Aries (March 21-April 19): A good nap might be just what you need today. You may not have your usual energy to go out and conquer the world. Giving yourself space to rest and introspect could help you unsnarl a problem that’s been weighing you down.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Conversation is likely to flow smoothly for you today. You’re equipped to read the mood of a large group — and you might also have a radar for who’s interested in a more personal discussion. As long as you don’t trip over any hidden power dynamics involved, you can get what you’re looking for.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Abundance is a state of mind. Even if you don’t know exactly how much money you have right now, believing you’ll ultimately have enough to meet your needs might help you navigate a tricky situation. Have faith that things will work out — that will at least buy you time.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): The role of collective messenger is yours today. You could astutely pick up on the emotional vibes of a group you spend time with — and you may eventually sum up your impressions and say what everyone’s thinking. Let any authority who wants to judge you prove you wrong.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Aug. 23, 1305, Scottish rebel leader Sir William Wallace was executed by the English for treason.

In 1775, Britain’s King George III proclaimed the American colonies to

be in a state of “open and avowed rebellion.”

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty in Moscow.

In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition

now referred to as “Stockholm Syndrome.”

In 2000, a Gulf Air Airbus crashed into the Persian Gulf near Bahrain, killing all 143 people aboard.

In 2011, a magnitude 5.8 earthquake centered near Mineral, Virginia, the strongest on the East Coast since 1944, caused cracks in the Washington Monument.

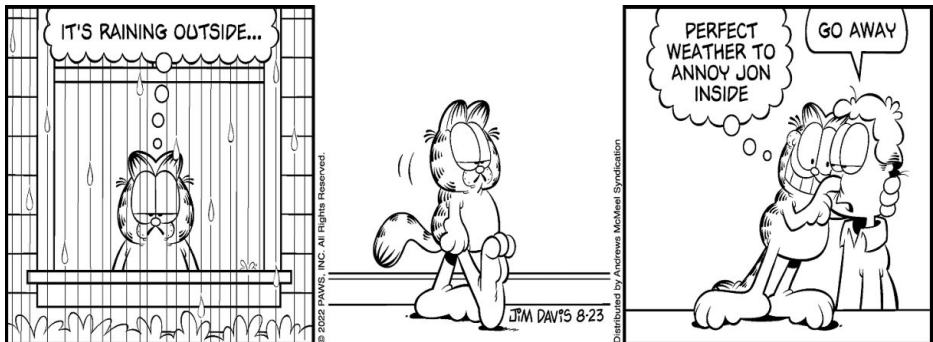
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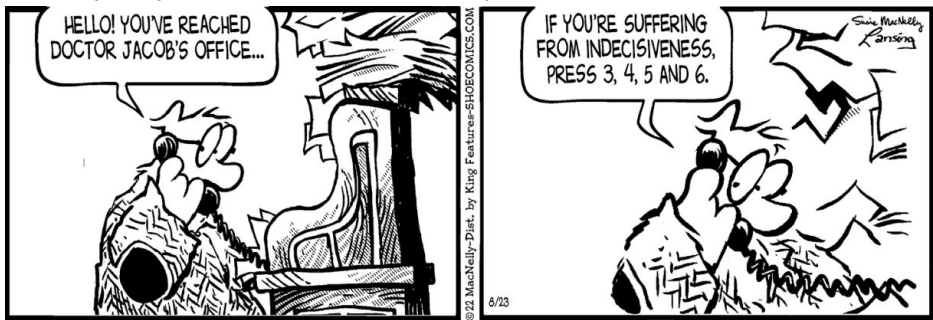
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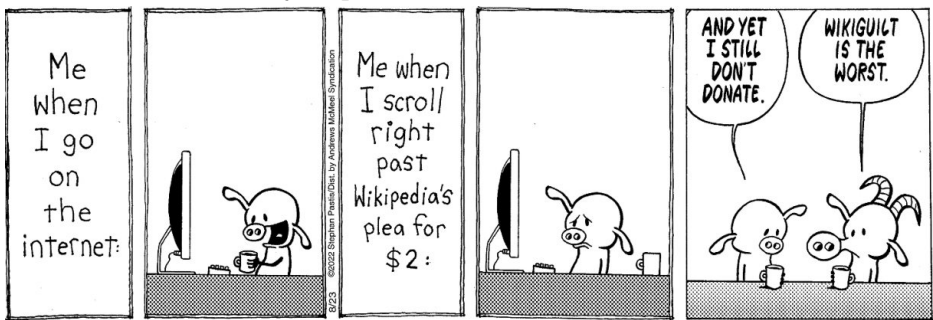
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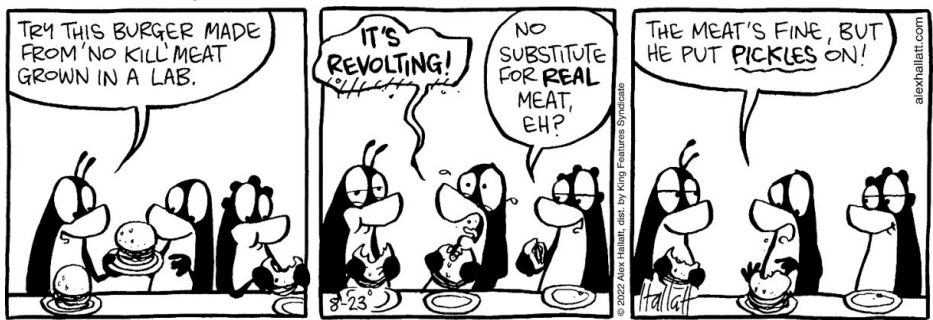
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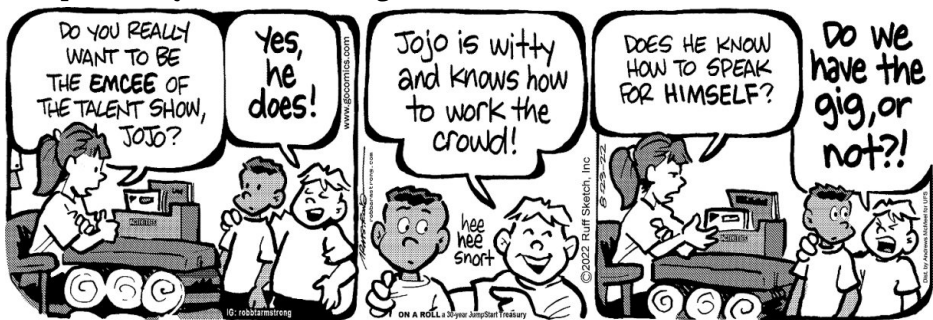
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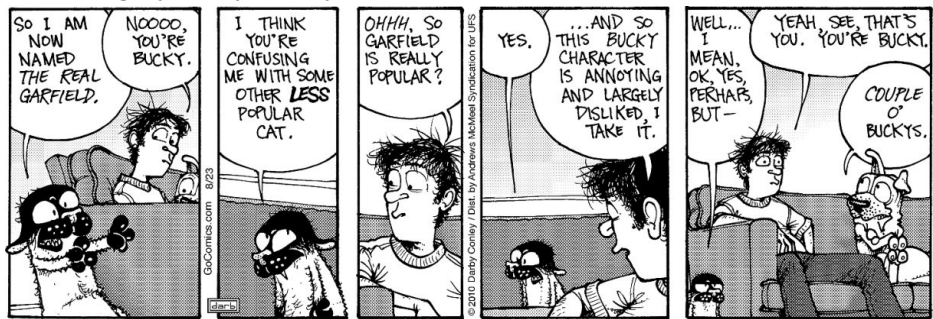
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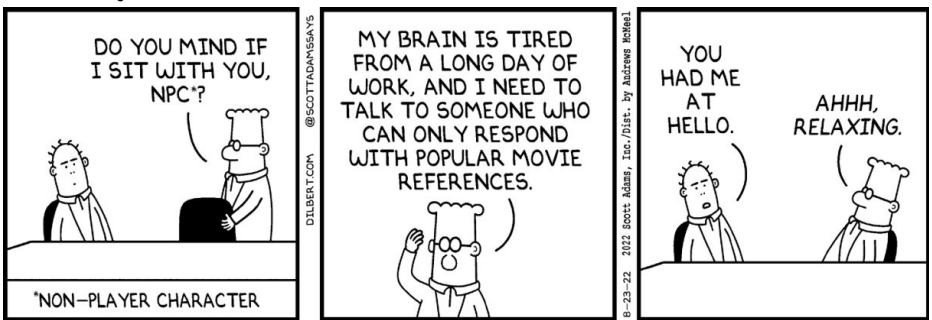
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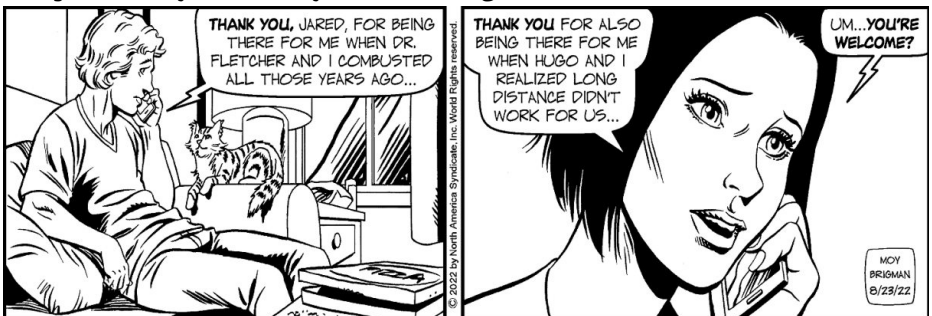
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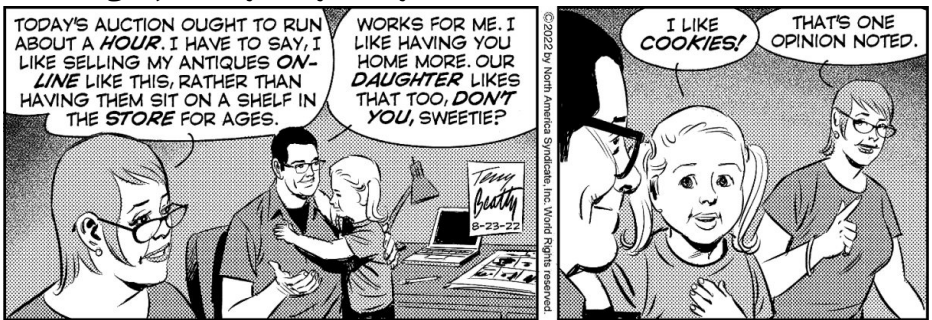
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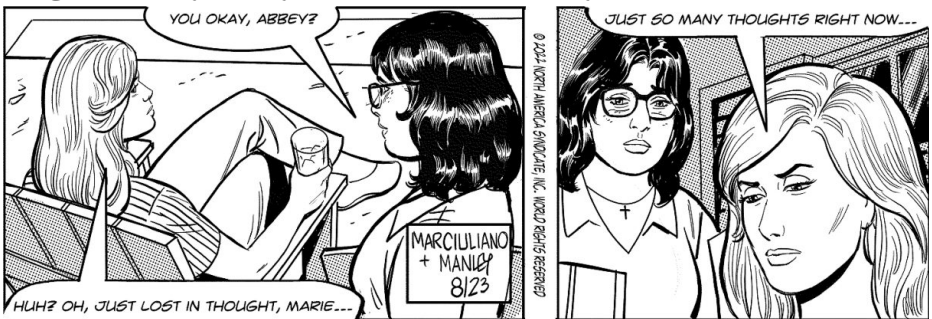
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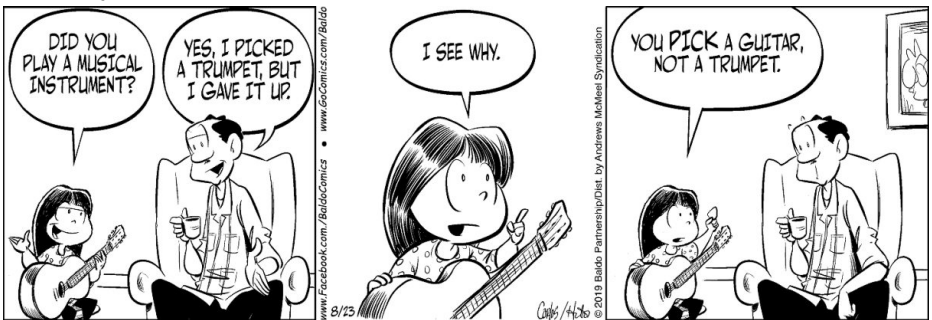
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Judge Parker By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley



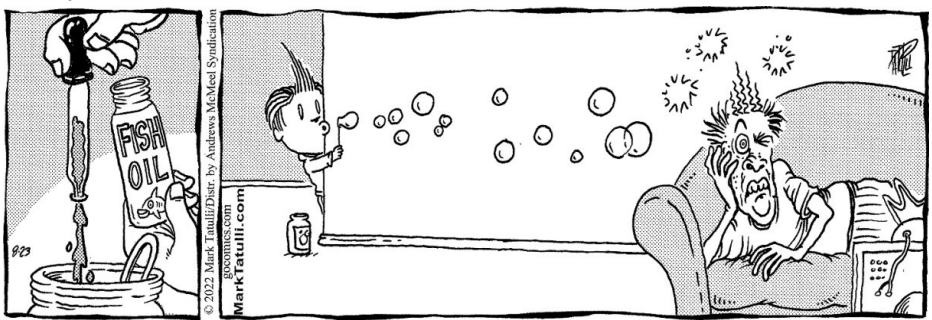
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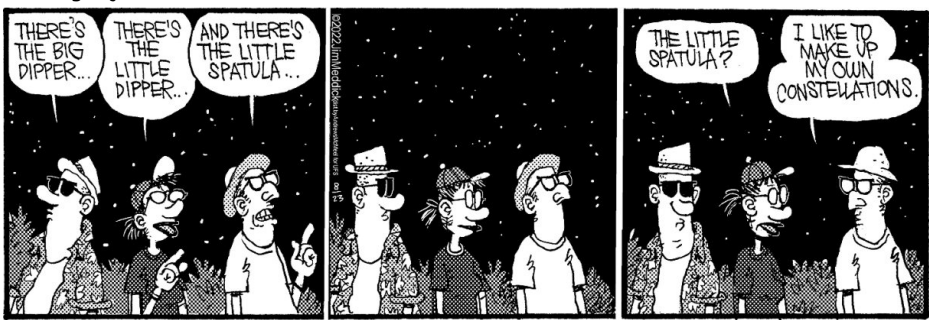
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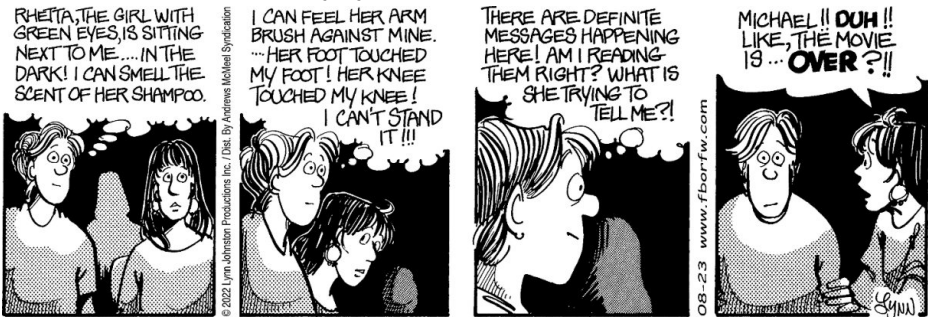
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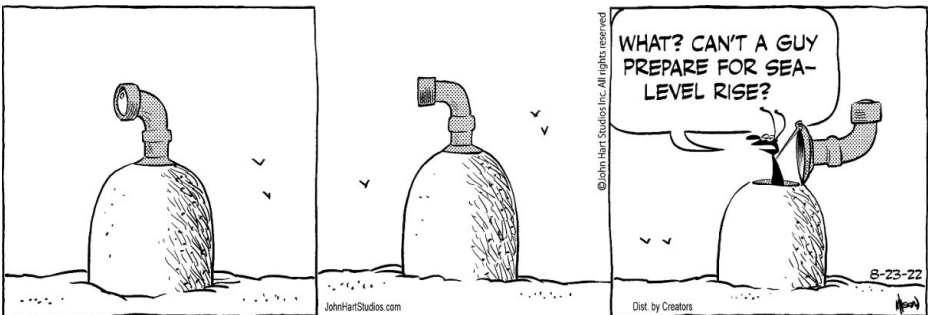
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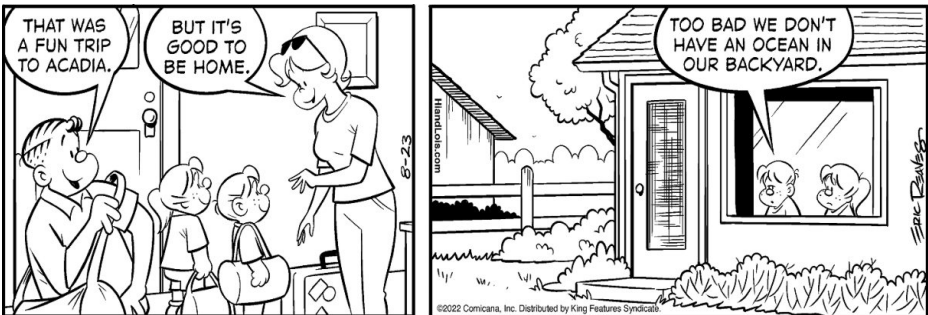
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Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne



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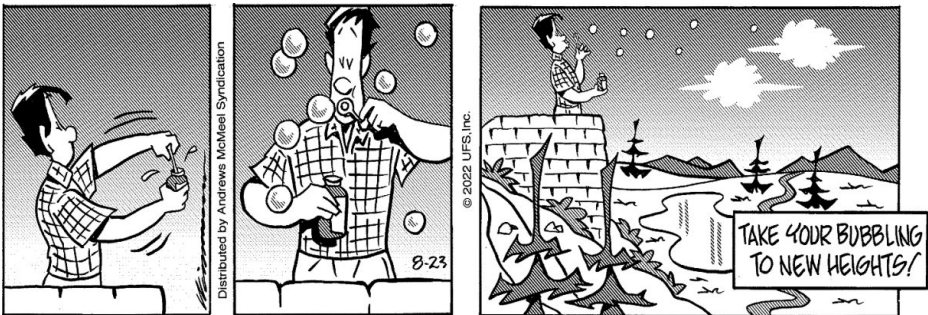
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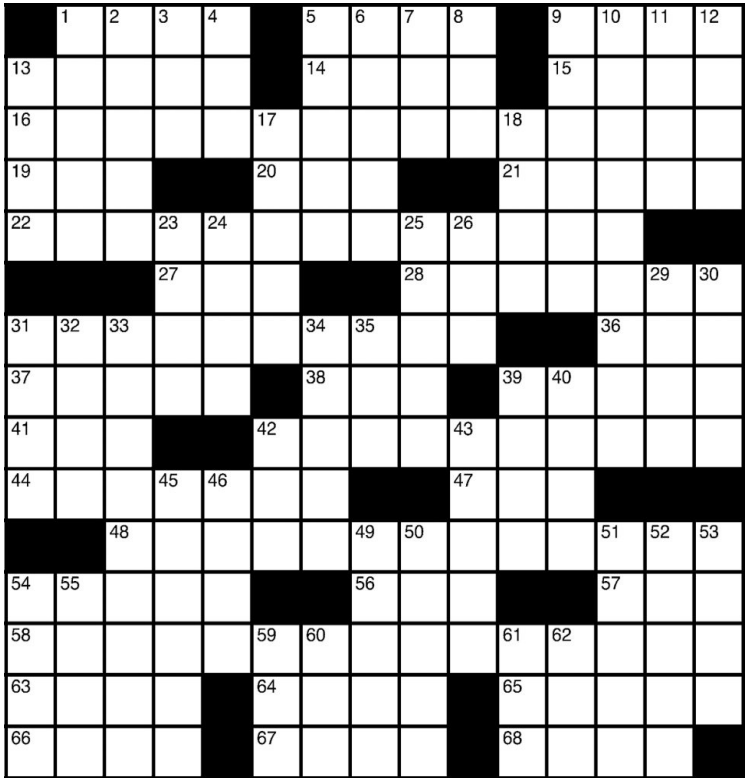
Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



CROSSWORD

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- Across**
- 1 Covertly includes on an email
 - 5 "You're a winner!" email, often
 - 9 "In that case ..."
 - 13 Chills-inducing
 - 14 Tom yum soup cuisine
 - 15 Spanish hundred
 - 16 Intimate meeting with an important person
 - 19 Tax-collecting agcy.
 - 20 Pool float filler
 - 21 Stock up on
 - 22 Rum brand with a pirate logo
 - 27 Big-eyed bird
 - 28 Pride newborn
 - 31 Stager of live shows
 - 36 Like some off-price merchandise: Abbr.
 - 37 Hoarder's heaps
 - 38 Roomy family car, for short
 - 39 Last Greek letter
 - 41 Gulf st.
 - 42 Didn't mind one's own business
 - 44 Hotel pricing information
 - 47 Former U.K. record label
 - 48 Significant parts of family budgets
 - 54 Birch who had a recurring role on "The Walking Dead"
 - 56 Rock's ___ Speed-wagon
 - 57 Prefix in some genre names
 - 58 United Nations body
 - 63 Makes really mad
 - 64 Javier's "Being the Ricardos" role
 - 65 Pricey watch brand
 - 66 Racing legend A.J.
 - 67 Garden of Genesis
 - 68 Prayer ender
 - 9 "Top Gun" moniker
 - 10 Venture capitalist, e.g.
 - 11 Min. parts
 - 12 Dollar bills
 - 13 Large-scale tale
 - 17 Coin toss choice
 - 18 Othello's false friend
 - 23 Ripped
 - 24 Fills with wonder
 - 25 Tapenade fruit
 - 26 ___ de Janeiro
 - 29 Compulsion
 - 30 "Country Nation" singer Paisley
 - 31 Apple tablet
 - 32 Actress Kunis
 - 33 Bills included with some board games
 - 34 Ed who plays Santa in "Elf"
 - 35 Dirt road furrow
 - 39 "All ___": John Legend #1 song
 - 40 Lo ___: noodle dish
 - 42 Judge featured in a season of "American Crime Story"
 - 43 Some towed cars, for short
 - 45 Hardest to find
 - 46 Open just a crack
 - 49 Totally remove
 - 50 Marks, as a ballot
 - 51 Black fur
 - 52 Pompeo of "Grey's Anatomy"
 - 53 River that made Achilles (mostly) invincible
 - 54 "Bring on the weekend!" letters
 - 55 Courageous one
 - 59 Fruit drink suffix
 - 60 Was on top
 - 61 Important time
 - 62 Cry during an argument between siblings



By Stella Zawistowski Tribune Content Agency 8/23/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K J 4
♥ 7 3
♦ A 8 5 2
♣ J 6 5

WEST
♠ 9 8 6 3 2
♥ 9 2
♦ Q 6 4
♣ K Q 4

EAST
♠ 10 5
♥ K 10 4
♦ J 10 9 7
♣ A 9 7 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 7
♥ A Q J 8 6 5
♦ K 3
♣ 10 8 2

The bidding:
1 ♥ Pass North 1 ♠ Pass East
2 ♥ Pass North 3 ♦ Pass East
3 ♥ Pass North 4 ♥ Pass East

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Defensive reasoning

In the great majority of deals, it is incumbent upon the declarer and the defenders alike to assume that a distribution of the cards exists which allows the contract to be made or defeated. Without such an approach, numerous opportunities for a favorable outcome can easily be missed.

Consider East's situation in today's deal after West leads the K-Q of clubs and continues with a third club to East's ace. With three tricks already in the bank, the question is what East should do next.

The mechanical return would be the jack of diamonds, a "safe" lead that cannot jeopardize any diamond values West may hold. But if the diamond jack is returned, South would have no problem scoring the rest of the tricks with the help

of two heart finesses against East's king.

This should come as no surprise to East in view of South's bidding. East is in good position to judge that South, who opened the bidding, cannot have a spade or diamond loser after having already followed low to three rounds of clubs. East's only hope, therefore, is to try to develop a trump trick for his side.

Accordingly, East should return his remaining club at trick four, hoping to find his partner with the nine of trump — a card declarer certainly does not need to have for his bidding. In the actual case, West does hold that card, and, as a result, the contract goes down no matter how declarer elects to play from that point on.

Tomorrow: No peeking necessary.
JUMBLE
BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RODPO
□ □ □ □ □

THAMC
□ □ □ □ □

VANEHE
□ □ □ □ □

GRELYC
□ □ □ □ □

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I just got my loan and signed the lease. Now I just need to hire some salespeople. When do we start?

You know I'm in! I'll quit my job tomorrow! When do we start?

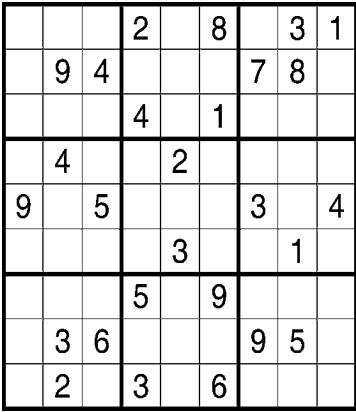
SHE WAS STARTING A NEW BUSINESS AND HAD PLENTY OF PEOPLE WANTING TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

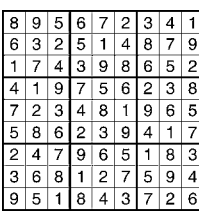
Yesterday's Jumbles: CREST BRICK MATURE SPRAIN
Answer: With so many demanding passengers, the flight attendant was feeling some — CABIN PRESSURE

TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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SUDOKU

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Level: 1 2 3 4

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: at the card table

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

B	A	C	C	A	R	A	T	D	I	A	M	O	N	D	S	C	U
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ACES	DIAMONDS	KAISER	RUMMY
ALL FOURS	DON	KALUKI	SCORES
BACCARAT	EUCHRE	KING	SEVENS
BAIZE	FISH	MAO	SHOE
BARTOK	FLUSH	NAPOLEON	SKAT
BLACKJACK	FREE CELL	OLD MAID	SNAP
BRAG	FULL HOUSE	OMBRE	SOLITAIRE
BRIDGE	GIN	PACKS	SPADES
CANASTA	GRAB	PATIENCE	SPIDER
CLUBS	HEARTS	POKER	TRUMP
CRIBBAGE	JOKER	ROYALS	WHIST

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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

O	N	A	P
B	E	B	I
M	O	U	T
T	R	D	M

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

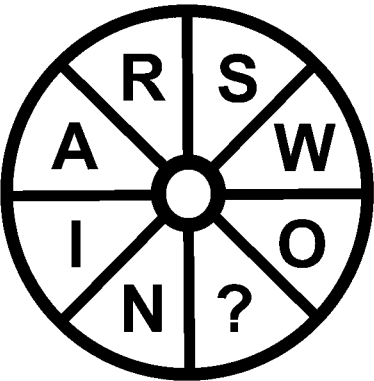
BOGGLE POINT SCALE
3 letters = 1 point
4 letters = 2 points
5 letters = 3 points
6 letters = 4 points
7 letters = 6 points
8 letters = 10 points
9+ letters = 15 points

YOUR BOGGLE RATING
151+ = Champ
101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Gamer
21-30 = Rookie
11-20 = Amateur
0-10 = Try again

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We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?
Find AT LEAST FIVE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS in the grid of letters.

DRUM TUBA OBÖE PIANO THOMBONE

WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

RAINBOWS

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TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- 1 "___ Bloods"
- 5 "Black-ish" network
- 8 Hayworth or Moreno
- 9 Daniel or Pat
- 12 Baseball's Derek
- 13 Diane, once of "Good Morning America"
- 14 Dines
- 15 Long-running Broadway musical
- 16 "___ Lonely Place"; film for Bogart
- 18 File drawer, perhaps
- 19 "Here ___ the Brides"
- 20 Actor Ken
- 21 Emmy-winner Jannings
- 23 "Designing ___"
- 24 Warty amphibian
- 25 Nod off
- 26 Search engine
- 28 Daredevil Kniewel
- 29 Very dry
- 30 Urgent
- 32 Suffix for long or strong
- 35 The Matterhorn, for one: abbr.
- 36 Swiss capital

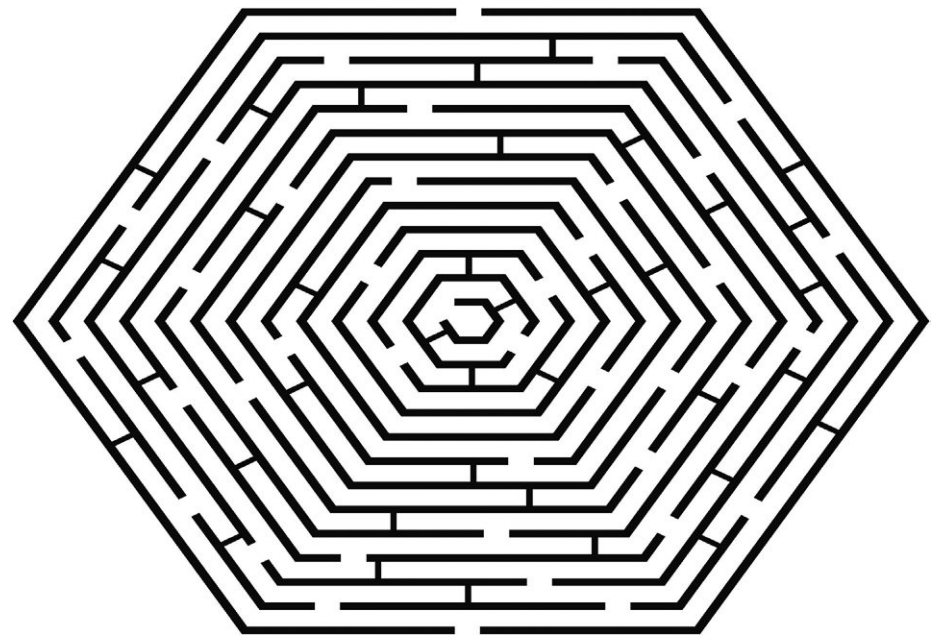
DOWN

- 37 "___ bigger and better things!"
- 38 "The Night of the ___"; Burton/Gardner/Kerr film
- 40 "___ Secretary"
- 41 Curvy letters
- 42 Late newsman Huntley
- 43 "Who Do You Think You ___?"
- 44 "The ___ Orman Show"
- 1 "Gimme a ___!"; Nell Carter sitcom
- 2 "A Million ___"
- 3 Western Indians
- 4 Cochlea's place
- 5 Diminish
- 6 Gift toppers
- 7 Playfully shy
- 10 "The Good Doctor" role
- 11 "Sesame Street" fellow
- 12 Initials for "Gabriel's Fire" star James
- 13 Elliott or Donaldson
- 15 "___ Case"
- 17 Jillian or Curry
- 19 Casual farewell
- 20 Leak out
- 22 Frame of mind
- 23 Intertwined
- 25 Actress Laura
- 26 Potato variety
- 27 Bandleader Shaw
- 30 Difficult to teach
- 31 Retirement acct.
- 33 "xXx: ___ of the Union"; film for Ice Cube
- 34 Selleck or Hanks
- 36 Jethro Bodine's portrayer
- 37 Setting for "Magnum P.I."
- 39 "McFarland, ___"; Kevin Costner film
- 40 Game show hosts, for short

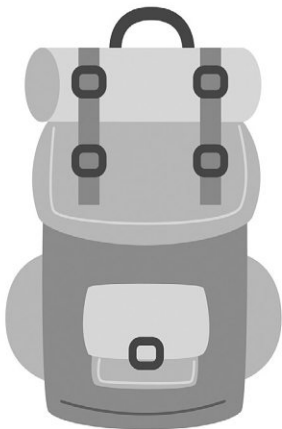
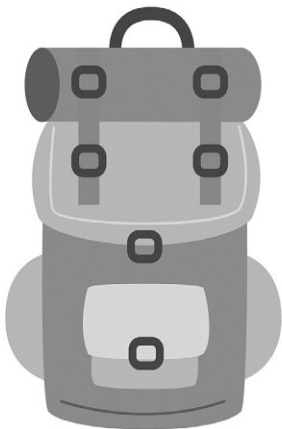
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found property for which the owner cannot
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If you believe that some of this property is
yours, phone the SPD Property Room at 860
757 4180 weekdays 7 am to 2:30 pm. Be
prepared to provide a detailed description of
the property, the circumstances of its loss,
and proof of ownership as necessary.

Positive identification is required before prop-
erty will be released. If not claimed, items
may be sold at public auction, destroyed,
donated, or released to a finder.
July - September 2022 7239405

NOTICE OF SALE SUPERIOR COURT JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF MIDDLESEX AT MIDDLETOWN
AUGUST 8, 2022, DOCKET NUMBER:
MMXCV22-6033795 CEDAR GROVE
ASSOCIATES, LLC v. CHRISTOPHER M.
CERAMI, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE
OF ISABEL MONTANO. Pursuant to an order
of the Court dated August 8, 2022, a public
sale of a 1972 Zimmer Mobile Manufactured
Home, identification number 512BR28R
owned by The Estate of Isabel Montano shall
be held at Green Acres Park Drive, Site #27,
Westbrook, Connecticut on September 6,
2022, at 10:00 a.m. Any person, including a
lien holder or the owner of the mobile manu-
factured home park, may bid at the sale.
THE SALE WILL EXTINGUISH ALL PREVIOUS
OWNERSHIP AND LIEN RIGHTS. PLAINTIFF
BY: MICHAEL IACURCI, ITS ATTORNEY, 70
WALL STREET, MADISON, CT 06443 203-
245-2400 JURIS #419094
8/16, 8/23 & 8/30/22 7267481

NOTICE OF SALE SUPERIOR COURT JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF MIDDLESEX AT MIDDLETOWN
AUGUST 8, 2022, DOCKET NUMBER:
MMXCV21-60328795 CEDAR GROVE
ASSOCIATES, LLC v. CHRISTOPHER CERAMI,
ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE ESTATE OF WARREN
JOSEPH EGGERT JR. Pursuant to an order
of the Court dated August 8, 2022, a public
sale of a 1970 Liberty Mobile Manufactured
Home, identification number P4571 owned
by The Estate of Warren Joseph Eggert Jr.,
shall be held at Site #C5, 133 West Main
Street, Clinton, Connecticut on September 6,
2022, at 11:00 a.m. Any person, including a
lien holder or the owner of the mobile manu-
factured home park, may bid at the sale.
THE SALE WILL EXTINGUISH ALL PREVIOUS
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BY: MICHAEL IACURCI, ITS ATTORNEY, 70
WALL STREET, MADISON, CT 06443 203-
245-2400 JURIS #419094
8/16, 8/23 & 8/30/22 7267492

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

The following self-storage cube contents
containing household and other goods will
be sold for cash by CubeSmart, 45 School
House Rd, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 to sat-
isfy a lien on September 6, 2022 at approx.
12:00 PM at www.storage-treasures.com
Unit 3033: Chris Dixon
Unit 5060: John Rogers
8/23, 8/25/2022 7271970

**THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
HARTFORD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS
FOR
BANKING AND LOCKBOX SERVICES
RFQP NUMBER: 2022R-02
ISSUED: August 23, 2022, 2022
QUESTIONS DUE: September 2, 2022 at 3PM
RESPONSES DUE: September 22, 2022 at 2PM**

The Metropolitan District ("MDC") is seeking a qualified banking institution to provide general
banking and lockbox services. The purpose of this proposal request is to obtain the highest
qualified candidate with the lowest price proposal for banking and lockbox services.

The proposal must be prepared in strict accordance with the scope of services. Professional
firms interested in providing such services are requested to submit a response to this Request
for Qualifications and Proposals ("RFQP"). Prospective respondents must register on the
Metropolitan District's electronic procurement bidding system. Once registered, prospective
respondents can download the RFQP from the web site at https://mdc.procurement.com/home.
A copy of the contract documents may be requested by contacting the District Clerk's office at
860-278-7850 ext. 3221.

Sealed proposals must be delivered, as specified in the RFQP to:

**Solicitation Number 2022R-02
Office of the District Clerk
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103**

Sealed proposals will be received and safeguarded by The Metropolitan District, at the office
of the District Clerk, until 2:00 PM (local time), September 22, 2022.

John S. Mirtle
District Clerk

8/23/2022 7275162

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Parkway, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 to satisfy a
lien on September 6, 2022 at approx. 12:00
PM at www.storage-treasures.com
Unit 326: WILLIAM DIMAS
Unit 341: WILLIAM DIMAS
Unit 339: Eleanor Miller
Unit 726: Kim Staff
Unit 2079: Karen Oberg
Unit 2318: Juris Rutkis
Unit 2332: John Bennett
Unit 2348: Jerry Boccia
Unit 2489: Patricia Marsh
8/23, 8/25/2022 7271969

NOTICE FOR BIDS

**The Center for Family Justice
ROOF REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT
753 Fairfield Avenue
Bridgeport, CT.**

The Center for Family Justice will receive
sealed bids for the following bid package
THE CENTER FOR FAMILY JUSTICE ROOF
REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT in Bridgeport,
Connecticut.

Bids will be received at The Center for Family
Justice 753 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT.
06604. All Bid Packages are due Friday,
September 30, 2022 by 4:00 PM and then,
at said office, will be publicly opened by
the owner and Wiles Architects on Monday,
October 3, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

Each bid must be submitted with two (2)
copies and must be sealed. Late bids,
incomplete bids or bids received at any other
location will not be accepted. A ten percent
certified bid bond is required.

A Pre-Bid Conference with walk through will
be held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at
10:00 AM.

ALL BIDDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND WALK
THROUGH. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL NOT
RELIEVE THE BIDDER FROM CONTRACT
REQUIREMENTS.

The owner reserves the right to award based
upon the evaluation of the bid package in the
best interest of The Center for Family Justice.
The owner and architect reserves the right to
waive any formalities, irregularities, or techni-
cal defects in the Bids and award based upon
the evaluation of the bid package in the best
interest of The Center for Family Justice.

Bidders can obtain a full copy of the bid pack-
age and construction documents at https://
www.milfordblueprint.com/jobs/public.

This contract is subject to state set-aside
and contract compliance requirements.

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Enterprises are encouraged to apply.

8/23, 8/24, 8/25/22 7274251

Connecticut

**Request for Proposals
Architectural/Engineering Services for
The Poquonock Elementary School Partial
Roof Replacement
1760 Poquonock Avenue, Windsor, CT
06095**

THIS IS AN INVITATION FOR BIDS AND THE
TOWN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE
AND CONTRACT WITH ANYONE OR NO ONE,
HIGH OR LOW, AS IT DETERMINES TO BE
IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN OF
WINDSOR.

GENERAL
The Town of Windsor is accepting propos-
als for Architectural / Engineering Design
Services to develop design drawings, docu-
ments, documents for bidding, and provide
construction administration of the Partial
Roof Replacement of Poquonock Elementary
School. AIA document-B305 ARCHITECT'S
QUALIFICATION STATEMENT shall be submit-
ted along with bid documents to Windsor
Town Hall, 275 Broad Street, Windsor, CT.
Attention: James Bourke Director of Finance
Windsor Town Hall Finance Department.
Questions may be directed to Mr. Przech at
860-285-1870. Project RFP is posted on
Town of Windsor, CT Website.

PROJECT INFORMATION
1. The areas of roof total roughly 40,726 sq.
ft. in total. This project is for the replacement
flat roof areas which are currently ballasted
EDPM and siplast type roof.

2. Their will be a mandatory site walkthrough
on Wednesday August 31, 2022 10:00 am.
Enter main entrance and sign in. Meeting and
formal sign-in to be held in school cafeteria,
and after a brief meeting, access to the roof
for a tour will occur.

3. Winning bidder will be presenting the
design to the Windsor Public Building
Committee and will attend all PBC meetings
during the length of this project through
Closeout. As detailed in RFP.

PROPOSAL AND SUBMITTAL CONDITIONS
Design proposals will be accepted up to
11:00 am on Tuesday September 20,
2022. Bids will be received at the Finance
Department Windsor Town Hall Attn: James
Bourke Director of Finance. The bids will be
opened and read aloud in Town Hall Room
TBD.

SELECTION CRITERIA
The Consultant will be selected for interview
on the basis of the following:
• Experience and knowledge with design of
similar projects
• Staff expertise and staff references
• Track record of similar successful projects
• Experience processing project documents
with / for State OSCG
• Previous experience with Windsor Public
Building Commission
8/23/2022 7273677

LEGAL NOTICE

**Town of Berlin
Request for Proposals
Golf Professional
Bid # 2023-02**

The Town of Berlin is requesting proposals
the position of Golf Professional at Timberlin
Golf Course. The Town seeks proposals
from independent and highly qualified golf
professionals.
Sealed bids will be accepted at the Berlin
Town Hall, Town Manager's Office, 240
Kensington Road, Berlin, CT 06037 until,
but no later than 2:00 PM., Tuesday, October
4, 2022, at which time they will be publicly
opened, read, and recorded. The Town will
not accept submissions by e-mail or fax. The
Town will reject proposals received after the
date and time noted above.
Additional information, including the RFP, is
available on the Town's website www.berlinct.
gov under Departments, Purchasing, Current
Bids and RFPs. Each proposer is responsible
for checking the Town's website to determine
if the Town has issued any addenda and, if
so, to complete its proposal in accordance
with the RFP as modified by the addenda.
The Town of Berlin reserves the right to
reject any and all proposals, waive any
informalities, or defects, and award to the
bidder deemed to be in the best interest of
the Town. The Town is an Affirmative Action/
Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/
Women's Business Enterprises are encour-
aged to apply.

Maryssa Tsolis
Purchasing Agent
August 23, 2022 7275551

**Request for Proposals
Architectural/Engineering Services for
The Sage Park Middle School Partial Roof
Replacement
25 Sage Park Road, Windsor, CT 06095**

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GENERAL
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Roof Replacement of Sage Park
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Building Commission
8/23/2022 7273680

**Court of Probate, District of Newington
Probate Court**

NOTICE OF HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF Ivoree' Arianna Annette
Parrish, a minor of Rocky Hill, Connecticut
(22-0511)
Pursuant to an order of the Court dated
August 16, 2022 a hearing will be held on
an application for Continued Change of
Name - Child as in said application on file
more fully appears, at the Court of Probate
on September 14, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

By Order of the Court Stan Gornicz,
Assistant Clerk
August 23, 2022 7273374

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WEATHER

TUESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Morning clouds, a few showers, partly cloudy, chance for afternoon showers and thunderstorms.

HIGH 83° LOW 65°

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunshine with some fair weather clouds, very warm and humid.

HIGH 88° LOW 65°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunny, hot and moderately humid.

HIGH 90° LOW 67°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and very warm, chance for a shower or a thunderstorm in the afternoon.

HIGH 89° LOW 65°

SATURDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and seasonable.

HIGH 85° LOW 62°

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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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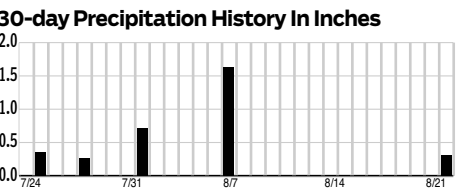
A cold front trying to cross the state on Tuesday will cause morning clouds with the chance for a few showers and an isolated thunderstorm, then it will become partly cloudy in the afternoon. The sunshine will destabilize the atmosphere even more resulting in showers and some thunderstorms. It will be another humid day with dew points mainly in the upper 60s and lower 70s. Showers and any lingering thunderstorms will end this evening. High pressure will bring mostly sunny skies, very warm temperatures, and moderate humidity Wednesday and Thursday.

-Gary Lessor

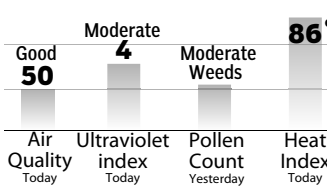
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Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 5 p.m.)	0.31	0.12
Month to date	2.79	3.13
Total this year	25.62	29.47

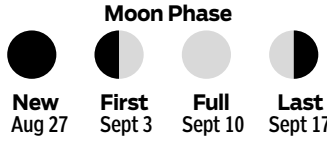
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:07 a.m.	6:08 a.m.
Sunset	7:40 p.m.	7:39 p.m.
Moonrise	2:03 a.m.	3:01 a.m.
Moonset	6:06 p.m.	6:45 p.m.



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	7:34 a.m. 7:59 p.m.	1:51 a.m. 1:49 p.m.	74°
Saybrook Jetty	8:45 a.m. 9:10 p.m.	2:44 a.m. 2:42 p.m.	75°
Connecticut River at Portland	11:28 a.m. 11:53 p.m.	6:30 a.m. 6:28 p.m.	
Madison	9:03 a.m. 9:18 p.m.	2:52 a.m. 2:59 p.m.	77°
New Haven	9:23 a.m. 9:38 p.m.	3:16 a.m. 3:23 p.m.	78°
Stamford	9:27 a.m. 9:42 p.m.	3:30 a.m. 3:37 p.m.	78°
River Stage at Hartford:	1.72 feet at 5:30 p.m.		
Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W Showers	L.I. Sound E Showers	B.I. Sound Showers
Wind	S, 5-10	S, 5-10	S, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	2-4 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Monday	74 at 3:59 p.m.	68 at 5:38 a.m.
Normal for date	83	61
Record for date	93 in 2020	41 in 1982
A year ago	74	68
Range this year	97	-2

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	73 57 C
Burlington	73 63 SH
Caribou	73 55 C
Concord	74 61 SH
Montpelier	70 61 SH
Mt. Wash.	55 47 SH
Portland	72 63 SH
Woods Hole	78 65 SH

NATION

Albany	75 62 SH
Albuquerque	81 63 PC
Atlantic City	88 66 PC

Baltimore	86 66 PC
Bismarck	90 60 PC
Boise	98 65 S
Buffalo	76 62 SH
Charleston	86 71 SH
Cincinnati	83 61 PC
Cleveland	79 62 PC
Indianapolis	84 63 PC
Jacksonville	88 70 T
Las Vegas	107 85 PC
Miami Beach	88 82 PC
Milwaukee	81 64 PC

Nashville	89 68 PC
New Orleans	82 72 T
New York	82 70 SH
Okla. City	88 67 PC
Omaha	89 66 PC
Orlando	94 76 T
Pittsburgh	79 58 PC
Raleigh	87 68 PC
St. Louis	88 69 PC
Salt Lake City	98 69 PC
San Antonio	85 74 SH
San Diego	74 69 PC

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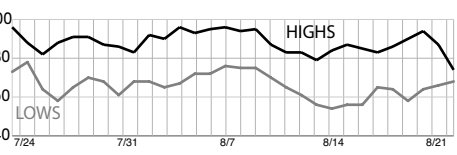
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Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - Aug 22	877	669	754

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.06 at 12 a.m.	29.87 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	70° at 3 p.m.	62° at 12 a.m.

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